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THE JOCKEY OF BLAIR ATHOL IN THE DERBY AND ST. LEGER.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TURF.

A. Wylde.—Wild Agnes.

S. Smith.—Epsom, 1848.

C. Watson.—Blink Bonny.

Twiford.—1. Exeter. 2. In 1851. 3. Snowden. 4. Lord Poltimore.

S. Paxton.—Two miles and a half. Never having been on the course. We are unable to give you the required information.

C. C. (Horsham).—A very doubtful matter. If you communicated with Wright, of Holborn, you would never have been placed in such a straight.

William Williams.—Not to both your questions. Gerge Fordham has not ridden a winner of the "English" Derby or the Doncaster St. Leger. It was no want of courtesy, but a misadventure, caused by our removal from Merton House to Fleet-street, that prevented us from replying to your questions earlier.

PEDESTRIANISM.

T. P.—Miles, of Brixton.

R. Collier.—It is called the "Barclay Feat," having originated with the famous Captain Barclay.

M. M. T.—We have not been made acquainted with the fact.

T. W. R.—Full particulars will be found in another column.

Neph.—C. Collier, Newington Butts. You are quite welcome to the address.

L. Lewis.—It was unintentional.

R. Thomas (Hull).—The question has been answered in these columns times out of number.

W. Willes.—Very good time.

PRIZE RING.

W. Jackson (Yarmouth).—Mendoza and Humphries fought at Doncaster on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 1790.

J. Coleman (Birmingham).—Sam Simmonds, of Birmingham, died May, 26, 1860; and was buried on the 31st of the same month, aged 37.

Liverpudlian.—The fight between Con Orem and Patsy Marley ended in a draw, owing to the interference of the military; at the close, Marley had much the best of it.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G. Thompson (Tottenham-court-road).—You lose your bet. The ropes and stakes in which all Metropolitan pugilists contend were the same used at Primrose Hill in April last, to keep back the crowd while the oak, presented by *our* Queen, was planted by the giant-minded workmen of England to the memory of Shakespeare, the Bard of all Time.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1864.

People seem determined to throw the wet blanket upon the forthcoming match between Mace and Coburn. Although the last-named is "Yankee to the back-bone," and comes determined to avenge the overthrow of Heenan, the battle is not allowed to be international. The preliminary movements are pooh-poohed! and the idea of fighting in Ireland positively ridiculed. What motive there can be for all this we do not know, for, as far as we can see, everything progresses most favourably, and if the men mean fighting, and not fleecing the public by starting a long and expensive expedition, without the intention of meeting for hostile purposes, we have no doubt about the matter coming to a satisfactory issue. For our own parts, we would rather that the battle was fought anywhere but in Ireland; but, since Ireland it is to be, why Ireland let it be, and a very fair battle-field the country presents, if things are only managed with ordinary tact. Some journals, whose knowledge of Ireland must be remarkably limited, assert that it is utterly impossible to fight in that country. They assert that the "green isle" literally bristles with savage police, and that the Government has already taken precautions to check the combatants in coming to fisticuffs. All this is nonsense. A well organised expedition can land unseen and unheeded on the Irish coast] and the men can fight for many hours without interruption. As to Government interference, that *canard* will not stand. No "special' orders have yet been, or are likely to be, issued by Sir Robert Peel on this occasion. The secretary, in our opinion, is as oblivious to the coming *tournay* as he is to a sense of the ludicrous exhibition he makes of himself when he rises in the House to cope with shrewd Irish members. To the winds, then, with all idle twaddle about the "difficulties of the position." Never was the road more clear for a fight. Never could men meaning business get to business more easily. If, therefore, the coming battle falls to the ground, we shall look to the principals, and not to the police authorities, for the reason. There are many grave doubts concerning the intentions of the men, the universal opinion being that the affair will prove in the end a very big swindle, but why this impression exists one cannot tell. True, we are not in the confidence of the parties, and if they mean anything but fair, honest, open business, we have not the least desire to be, but why they should do anything not strictly legitimate, we cannot, for the life of us, comprehend. Let us glance for an instant at the antecedents of the men. Coburn has been long looking for a job of this description. He fidgeted for an English expedition previous to Heenan's last public performance, and when that event turned out so disastrous to Yankee pride, he was commissioned to come over and "chaw up creation." That he believes himself capable of so doing there is not the remotest doubt, and, therefore, we can discover no cause why *he* should not fight. Then Mace stands before us, a long disappointed and ever persevering man. Thinking to make an easy victory of his second passage of arms with Tom King, he came to grief in the most decided manner. Heenan would have nothing to do with him, but selected his ancient enemy for the "International Number 2." The Goss affair was next to nothing, the belt is to be fought for by two new men, and no one comes to give our hero a job until Coburn puts in an appearance. Here we have it indisputably proved that the best English boxer of the day is fading from the eyes of the public when he might be reaping a fortune, and all—for what? Simply for the sake of reaping a harvest of a few hundreds of pounds in planning an expedition to Ireland for the purpose of perpetrating a sell. Is this feasable? Is it possible that Coburn has no real intentions and that Mace will allow himself to sink into insignificance and obscurity, branded as a cheat and a humbug, for the purpose of realising the comparatively small sum that will be taken from the lovers of sport for excursion tickets on Monday week? We think not. Indeed the bruiser-like tone of Brunton and Langham at the posting of the deposit, on Tuesday night last, elsewhere described, indicates a better state of things, and we trust and believe that this match will, after all the cold water the so-called organs of the Ring have so persistently thrown upon it, prove that we are right in giving the men credit for honourable intentions. We repeat if a battle-ground is wanted it can be found either in England or in Ireland, and we, moreover, assert that it is in the power of these men to vindicate their profession, and disabuse the public mind of its bad impressions, and to sweep away the filthy elements which so disfigure a boxing match of the present day. Keep away the *canaille*, have order duly insisted upon, go honestly to work, and there are better days in store for the British P.R.

THE ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS SWIMMING CUP.

In accordance with our announcement of last week, we now with the assistance and advice of the best swimmers bring our arrangements to a close. We again, and for the last time, announce that the proprietors of this journal intend to give for open competition to all amateur comers a very handsome and appropriate cup, of the value of twenty guineas. Our only object being to bring this useful and necessary art home to every family in the United Kingdom. This cup not being a challenge cup, will become the sole property of the winner. We shall always devote a portion of our space for the promotion of swimming, and our correspondents may be assured that they will receive every attention. The cup given on the occasion is a splendid piece of workmanship, and will be presented to the winner shortly after the race, the time and place being announced immediately after the race. There is no doubt that bath swimming is useful and necessary, both for body and mind, but we think the higher class swimming is in the natural element, and *that* we prefer, for our contest next Monday. In the selection of our referes and umpires, it has always been our object to choose gentlemen whose names would be a sufficient guarantee for fairness, and as they have taken part in most of the great races of the season, including the two mile championship, they cannot be accused of being ignorant of the office. We, therefore, appoint Mr. A. Williamson, of the London Swimming Club, as referee and starter. Mr. Lee, the editor of the above paper, will be assisted in his office of umpire by that well-known advocate of swimming, Mr. J. Latey. All intending competitors had better meet these gentlemen at H. Kelley's, The Bells, Putney, before 12 o'clock on Monday next. All entries must be sent to this office, 162, Fleet-street, not later than 10 o'clock, on Monday, otherwise they will be taken no notice of. In some cases entries have been sent to us without the 2s. 6d. in stamps, we, therefore, ask those wishing to swim to send the fee at once, to save trouble. We trust every one entering will provide themselves with a boat to look to their own safety in case of accident, as it is impossible for us to attend to every one at the same time, but we hope the boats on this occasion will exercise a little kindly feeling, and keep away from the men, for we are determined this time to keep strictly to our rules, and give it against any man who may be wilfully piloted, whoever he may be. As there have been so many failnres when these races have been started by pistol, we have determined to start this race by word of mouth, which will be given by the referee. We think this will be the means of getting a good start, as was proved by the Two Mile Championship race. The start will take place from a barge moored in the middle of the stream, and the distance will be from the Dung Wharf to Putney Aqueduct, about one mile. This prize is intended strictly for amateurs, so that any one that has swam for money will not be allowed to enter. Should any enter in a wrong name having previously swam for money, and be the winner, he will be disqualified, and the cup awarded to the second man.

NOTES ON THE WEEK'S RACING.

Brecon Meeting commenced on Monday, and was well supported by the local nobility and gentry. The only horses that we selected which went to the post occupied the precise position we assigned them. Lady Egidia winning the Beaufort Stakes as we predicted she would, and the horse we described as "her most dangerous opponent"—Friday—running second, and Lansdown won the Nursery in conformity with our anticipation. Black Rock beat Glendusk at even weights, a result which in our view proves the latter to have "gone off" since he was "eunuchified." Richmond Meeting commenced on Tuesday, the racing on which day calls for no special remarks. Wild Agnes justified the confidence we reposed in her, by adding another to her numerous victories, and on Wednesday The Oppressor did us a like service, thus winning both the races, and the only ones on which we were enabled to offer an opinion The Oppressor winning at a disadvantage in the weights, compared with all thd other horses in the race, with Olmar, Magnus, and Jupiter among them proves him to be a superior animal, and one worth watching for the Derby. Canterbury races took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, Mr. G. F. Verrall officiating as manager, and all went "merry as the marriage bell," save a *contretemps* that befel Mr. Verrall, upon whose cranium the bell descended while in the act of ringing it, without, however, we are happy to add, inflicting serious injury, but disabling him from attending to his duties the remainder of the day—Tuesday. Lord St. Vincent kindly undertook to start the horses upon Mr. Verrall being temporarily placed *hors de combat.* The attendance, if not very numerous, was select, and the running interesting. The only race for which we were able to make a selection resulted in the triumph of Tilt, which, with St. Leger we took from the entry of nine to represent us. The Royal Caledonian Hunt we are unable to offer any comments upon, our reporter's notes not having reached us up to the time of going to press, we find, however, by telegram that our selected Newchurch won the Gold Cup. The folly of the snobbishness and Dundrearyism which causes some people to cling to certain organs as guides on sporting matters, will be apparent on comparing our this week's selections with those of the papers referred to, when it will be seen that every one of our selections that went to the post *proved a winner!*

NEWMARKET NIBBLINGS.

The first of the autumn series of meetings at head-quarters commences on Tuesday, the 27th instant, and extends over Friday. Besides the usual sweepstakes, there are the two great handicaps—the Great Eastern and the Newmarket October—to be run for at this meeting. The first has obtained 131 subscribers, and the latter 112 entries, a plethora of competitors that would astonish our forefathers if they were to rise from their graves, and were we now to adopt their system of handicapping—adjusting the weights by the height of the horses—we fancy Mr. Manning would have no sinecure. He would prefer the scales to the standard, as less troublesome. We shall first discuss the prospects of the various competitors for the other races, and conclude with our vaticinations on the two monster handicaps. Before proceeding to the discussion of the merits and chances of the various horses engaged in the races to be decided, we will give

THE LENGTHS OF THE NEWMARKET COURSES

over which the races of the coming week are to be run. D.I. or Ditch in is 2 miles and 119 yds. T.Y.C. or Two Year Old Course is 5 fur and 140 yds. Last half of Ab M. 3 fur 217 yds. A.F. (across the flat) 1 mile 2 fur 73 yds. On the first day the Fifteenth Triennial Produce Stakes, D.I., is set for decision. This is the third and last year of this race, and on the two previous ccasions it was won by Tornado. The Ranger will, probably, not go to the post, and we see nothing likely to face the starter capable of defeating Early Purl, who we must take to represent us on this occasion. The Buckenham Stakes, T.Y.C., is a post sweepstakes, each subscriber naming three mares, and bringing the produce of one to the post, and as Dilly Dally was kept at home from not being sufficiently prepared for Doncaster, we shall expect him to make his *debut* here, and we shall look no further for the winner. The Hopeful Stakes, last half of Ab. M., with penalties, and an allowance of 14lb to *Arabians*, has thirty-nine entered, the best of which may prove to be Gardevisure (9lb extra), other good and fair public performers being likewise penalised. If defeated, it will probably be by one of the dark lot, among which are two of Mr. Merry's, Kate Hampton, two of Baron Rothschild's, or others that have been out, who have a chance from the difference of the weights in their favour, as Bedminster and Doge. The Grand Duke Michael Stakes, A.F., will end in a match between Ely and Baragah, and probably settle the moot point between these horses as to which is the best. We shall, however, endeavour to anticipate the decision of the judge by naming Ely as the winner. The first item in the programme before us for Wednesday is a Match between Mr. Greville's f by Yellow Jack, out of Little Queen, and Saffron, and we must assign the issue in favour of the latter. The Sixteenth Triennial Produce Stakes, A.F., 50 subs, contains among the nominations the names of Baragah, Ely, Tomato, Peon, Sir Roger, and Bandarilla, and we anticipate the result will be the same as for the Grand Duke Michael Stakes, unless Messrs. Bowes and Cartwright arrange not to oppose each other. The next event in the programme is The St Leger Stakes, D.I., 13 subs, and, as it is "all the money," a fair field may go to the post. With a start, Harkforward would have our allegiance; and, in his absence, Mahometan On Thursday we have the Seventeenth Triennial Produce Stakes, for two year olds, over the T.Y.C., set for decision with the enormous entry of 75 horses from which to select one to win, and as this, too, is "all the money" with a nice plum for the second and third, a large field may be anticipated. We must divide the entry into two classes—the performers and the non-performers—and the flowers of the former include the names of Cordelia, Siberia, Todleben, Le Bearnais, Farewell, The Swift, Missionary, and Haarlem, and of the latter, Klarinska, Princess of Wales, Thallasiqs, Broomielaw, Breadalbane, Dilly Dally, and A 1. Farewell and Le Bearnais will probably be absentees; the latter having been running in France within this few days, and of the non-performers not more than two may go to the post. In so large a field we can only express a preference for Siberia and Cordelia of the performers, and Dilly Dally of the dark division. The Rutland Stakes, from the turn of the Lands in, with penalties we anticipate will be won by Peeress, who has escaped a penalty, while Todleben has incurred one of 7lbs, and we expect her most dangerous opponent will be found to be Bedminster and Zouave Junior. On Friday the Duke of Cleveland's Sedbury filly and Wide Awake are engaged to contend in a match, which, if it produces a race, will fall to the latter. The Sweepstakes of 30 Sovs, for two year olds, may be won by Peeress or La Samaritaine, as Rialto will have to carry a penalty of 7lbs. A second match between Planet and Black Rock we shall assign to the former.

THE GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY HANDICAP. T.Y.C.

There are entered for this race the enormous number of 130 horses, and it appears presumptuous to attempt to find the winner among so many *handicapped to run a dead heat.* Take which *one* we may, there are 129 against it all with an *equal* chance to the one we select, in the estimation of Admiral Rous. Job's trials were a mere bagatelle in comparison with the distracting difficulty that beset such a task as this, but it is obligatory upon us, and admits of no dereliction, and we must be as unshrinking in our performance of it as Field Marshal the "Duke of Duty" was in military affairs. If the problem we have to solve was simply to discover the best horses at the weights, which is all it ought to be, we should have stronger faith in our ability to find the solution, but we have to dive deeply into men's hearts, probe out their intentions, and discover as nearly as we can which horses are going to *try* for this and the October Handicap, and we have this to do before it is perhaps decided by many of the owners what their tactics are to be; we can, therefore, only go upon the probabilities of what they will be; governed by these considerations we have selected a lot as the most trustworthy, and from that lot *one only* to furnish the winner. We shall not take our readers through the mazy labyrinth by which we have arrived at our conclusions, we shall spare them the infliction, and at once state that the lot is composed of Vivid, Gemma, The Principal, Biondella, Pupil (a little too far for her, but the weight will serve her), Newchurch, Crytheia, The Doctor, and Madcap, and as the imperative demands of duty require that we should express a preference for one, that one must be

MADCAP,

The Principal and Glendusk most liking our fancy, for places; we are, however, not so presumptuous as to suppose we have written the name of the winner, as probably not more than 1 in 5 will start, but we have endeavoured to discover which "thimble the pea is under," and have now declared the result of our search.

THE NEWMARKET OCTOBER HANDICAP.

We shall deal with this great race presently, as we did with the one last discussed, and the remarks thereon apply equally to this; but we desire to add that, as it is only about a furlong longer than the Cambridgeshire Stakes Course, it is looked upon as a trial race for that event, and that horses will be sent to the post to get a line for the more important race, and others may start who will be "wanted" for the later event, their chance of winning which would be jeopardised by winning this, because of the penalty they would thereby incur. With these remarks, we shall proceed to the enumeration of the lot we deem the most trustworthy, and, as in the previous instance, finally reduce that lot within narrower limits; these are:—Exchequer, Vivid, Catch-'em-Alive, Tippler, The Principal, Prince Plausible, Old Orange Girl, Moulsey, Stockinger, Planet, Major, and Trap—a long list, but likely to leave us with few at the post. Nearly all these are in the Cambridgeshire, and we must know more than their owners before we should be justified in venturing an opinion as to which of them will start; therefore, in the absence of positive information, we shall reduce our lot to three, which are not in the greater race and place our hopes of success crowning our vaticinatory efforts in

TIPPLER, THE PRINCIPAL, AND PRINCE PLAUSIBLE.

In dealing with these two gigantic handicaps, we have had the consolation to know that, although we may find ourselves out in our reckoning, it will not be a disgrace to fail in the attempt.

CESAREWITCH AND CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES ANTICIPATIONS.

These races, the last great events of the season, are attracting a large amount of attention and considerable speculation Even prior to the publication of the weights many horses were backed for them, and feeling that it might conduce to the interests of our readers we cautioned them against making premature investments, and recommended them to await the publication of the weights—advice which if it has been followed will not be regretted, as many that were supported before the weights appeared have not even accepted. Before proceeding to the discussion of the merits and demerits of the large array of competitors there are a few statistics concerning these races which may prove interesting, and which we therefore give. There were 214 entries for the Cesarewitch, of which 90 have accepted, and these include 40 three year olds, 31 four year olds, 12 five year olds, 5 six year olds, and 2 aged horses. The highest weight of the aged horses is Gibraltar, 8st; of the six year olds, Asteroid, 9st 5lb (the top weight in the race); of the five year olds, Adventurer, 9st; of the four year olds, Blithfield, 8st [illegible]lb; and of the three year olds, Vermouth, 8st 4lb. This race during the 25 years which it has been established has been won twice by six year olds, four times by five year olds, eight times by four year olds, and on eleven occasions by three year olds. Audrey, 5 yrs old, won with 8st 5lb up, the highest weight ever carried by a winner. The Cur, 6 yrs old, and Muscovite, 5 yrs old, each won with 8st 3lb on their backs; Clarion, 4 yrs old, won with 8st, and Faugh-a-Ballagh with 8st. These are the highest weights ever carried by winners of their respective ages. The course, which finishes with a rather severe hill, is two miles two furlongs and twenty-eight yards in length. These statistics show that horses, irrespective of age, possess about an equal chance, as the winners of each age are in fair proportion with the entries, and it will be palpable that from the length and nature of the course the race can only be won by a horse possessed of great powers of endurance. On looking over the list of acceptances, we find several among them whose previous career gives no proof of their capacity to stay the course, some of which have been backed, no doubt under the impression that their owners have succeeded in hoodwinking the handicapper, and got their horses in at a winning weight. Among this class of horses are Tattoo, The Clown, Planet, and Stockowner; and as respects the first-named horse, with the light weight of 6st 10lb for a six year old to carry, with the fine turn of speed he has sometimes shown, his ability to win is only a question of staying power. The previous running of Tattoo would lead to the inference that a mile is his *forte*, and we think that if the horse can really get through the Cesarewitch Course his owner would not have waited until the mark was almost out of his mouth before making use of that ability, but that he would have had a shy at the Metropolitan or Cesarewitch of last year, and not rely on carrying it off now when, in the course of nature, the horse's speed and staying power, according to the present mode of treating horses, must have declined. Admiral Rous gives 6lb more in the shorter race; pretty good evidence that he concurs with our view. We have made his special allusion to this horse, because a few days ago he was backed freely. The other horses referred to are also in the Cambridgeshire Stakes, for which we fully anticipate, they will be reserved. It is not our intention on the present occasion to make a final selection, but only to indicate a few which we consider it would be advisable to include in any lot taken to beat the field; but we shall next week, and the week following, analyse the pretensions of all the most noteworthy horses, and conclude with a positive and final selection. We shall not allow the *present* state of the market to influence us one jot, for its aspect is not genuine or reliable, as the names of horses have been "put about," which smell strongly of the milking process, and we must know that a horse is supported with genuine money before we recommend him for investment, and only then if we are satisfied that the stable have built their success on a sound

foundation. We may state, before we proceed further, that we have no confidence in any of the following:—Canzonette, Castle Espie, Clown, Edward the Confessor, Ephemera, Joco, and Pearl Diver. Taking those which appear to us to be favourably treated in alphabetical order, we shall commence with Alabama, 5st 7lb, who in a race with Equinox, at Ipswich, one mile and three quarters, was defeated by a neck, at an allowance of 14lbs for the year, but this defeat was a victory, as he ran the greater part of the distance with a broken stirrup leather to which accident the loss of the race is to be attributed. Fanfreluche, who finished a bad third, only gave him 3lb for the year, and is now called upon to give him 13lb, but being in the same stable as the winner, it is possible he did not try; *per contra*, however, it may be observed that when a stable has two horses in a race, and have to meet a dangerous competitor, it is crooked and incomprehensible policy to try with that one which is the worst at the weights. The close race he made of it with Evelina at Doncaster, who was handicapped to give him 24lb for this race, renders it tolerably plain that if the Admiral had to re-adjust the weights he would add to Alabama's impost. Baldwin is another that strikes us as well in, but he pulled up lame after his race for the Ascot Stakes, and we must first ascertain if he has quite recovered from its effects before recommending him for investment. The next horse that attracts our attention is Carisbrook, who has not before had the chance he has now, the remembrance of his Ascot victories having burthened him with weights that destroyed his chance of success. The side. Gratitude is the next that finds favour with us. She is well-bred, being an own sister of Limosina, and we know that she has been doing good work, and will be fit whenever wanted. A filly so bred, and possessing her symmetry, cannot be the horse her performances would lead us to believe, and we feel sure the result will justify this opinion. Passing on further down the list we come to Myrtle, who has already got second for this race, and well and fit at the post should at least be able to repeat her former achievement with her present weight. We are bound to hesitate before passing any of W. Day's, and he has Mail Train, Muezzin, and Catch-em-Alive, one of which, we opine, will prove the "Simon Pure" of his stable, and having due regard to the weights of each, we suspect he will rely on one of the latter two. Suspicion next commends herself to our notice, and taking a line through her running with Wormwood at Hampton, she appears to us to at least hold all the Ebor Handicap horses safe, and such of those that contended with them at Doncaster. Wandering Minstrel is another which finds favour with us, and should any demonstration be made in his behalf, it will be advisable to keep him on the safe side. From the foregoing remarks it will be seen which horses we prefer and recommend to be included in any lot chosen to beat the field, and reducing these within still narrower limits, we have the strongest faith in

GRATITUDE, SUSPICION, ALABAMA, MYRTLE, DR. SYNTAX, AND MUEZZIN,

the two first named carrying the greater share of our confidence.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES,

being run for a fortnight later, does not require immediate notice; but, as the race has already attracted speculation, we cannot pass it over without pointing to a few whose chances of success we deem to be worthy of respect, and the grounds on which we build our opinion, which we will next week give, we believe will be satisfactory to our readers. Those to which we allude are:—Baldwin, Erin-go-Bragh, Gratitude, Planet, Stockinzer, and Trap.

THE TURF.

CITY BETTING—Saturday.

THE Saturday after a great meeting like Doncaster might well be set apart for settling, and thereby greatly lightening the amount of business to be transacted in that line at Tattersall's on the following Monday. Whatever expectations might have been indulged in that at least some accounts would be partially got through to day are not realised, as the Interior of the Victoria Club presented anything but a businesslike aspect. Very few members were present, and beyond a few straggling bets on the Cesarewitch, and fewer still on the Cambridgeshire, the tide of speculation did not go. The Derby was not even mentioned.

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES.

100 to 6 agst Gratitude (t)	33 to 1 agst Thalestris (t)
20 to 1 ... Callista colt (t)	50 to 1 ... Scamander (t)
20 to 1 ... Suspicion (t)	50 to 1 ... Vermouth (t)
20 to 1 ... Fanfreluche (off, t 25 to 1)	66 to 1 ... Ethelred (t)
25 to 1 ... Tattoo (t f)	1000 to 12 ... Joco (t)
33 to 1 ... Myrtle (t)	2000 to 10 ... Tomato (t)

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES.

200 to 9 on the field (off)	40 to 1 agst Baldwin (t)
25 to 1 agst Gratitude (t)	500 to 5 ... Narbonne (t)

MANCHESTER BETTING—Saturday.

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES.

20 to 1 agst Fanfreluche (t)	100 to 2 agst Gratitude (off)
20 to 1 ... Callista colt (t)	50 to 1 ... Baldwin (t and off)
25 to 1 ... Mail Train (t f)	50 to 1 ... Welcome (t 66 to 1)
100 to 3 ... Tattoo (t)	100 to 1 ... Lady Hylda (t)
40 to 1 ... Scamander (t)	100 to 1 ... Joco (t and off)

BETTING AT TATTERSALL'S—Monday.

ALTHOUGH there was not such a large attendance as was anticipated, the business of the afternoon—settling on the Doncaster meeting—was highly satisfactory, so far as it went. Many who had both to pay and receive large amounts were unable to come in *propria persona*, but the interests of bookmakers did not suffer thereby, inasmuch as they were well and substantially represented. There was very little time spent in unavailing discussions of the great event of the past week, and however much individual members may have had cause to regret having rallied under the standard of "The General," or grounded their faith on The Miner, whom the fielders had pitted against the two favorites, they were evidently in a minority, a large section of "the gentlemen" having "stood" Blair Athol to the last. When all the available notes of bankers was chiefly directed to Suspicion, who had been in force at the Victoria Club in the early afternoon, and after 20 to 1 had been laid several times to a considerable amount, 100 to 6 was accepted, the former price being, however, again laid at the finish; the Callista colt, Tattoo, Fanfreluche, and Mail Train being also supported at the same price—20 to 1. A little business was also done on the Cambridgeshire, but there was nothing calling for special remark. 7 to 1 was offered on the field for the Derby, and Mr J'Anson's Breadalbane, own brother to Blair Athol, was in demand at 20 to 1, at which he was backed for a couple of hundred pounds. The transactions of the day will be found in the following return of closing prices:—

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES.

20 to 1 agst Suspicion (t)	33 to 1 agst Battaglia (t)
20 to 1 ... Callista colt (t)	33 to 1 ... Thalestris (t)
20 to 1 ... Tattoo (t)	33 to 1 ... Vermouth (t)
20 to 1 ... Mail Train (t)	40 to 1 ... Scamander (t)
20 to 1 ... Fanfreluche (t)	50 to 1 ... Welcome (t)
25 to 1 ... Gratitude (t)	50 to 1 ... Accident (t)
33 to 1 ... Myrtle (t)	1000 to 10 ... Morocco (t)

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES.

25 to 1 agst Gratitude (t)	50 to 1 agst Saccharometer (t)
25 to 1 ... Brick (t)	50 to 1 ... Copenhagen (t)
40 to 1 ... Muezzin (t)	

THE DERBY.

7 to 1 agst Liddington (off, t 8 to 1)	33 to 1 agst Wizard's dam colt (t)
22 to 1 ... Longdown (t)	50 to 1 ... Oppressor (t)
25 to 1 ... Christmas Carol (t)	50 to 1 ... Buck (t)
33 to 1 ... Archimedes (t)	50 to 1 ... Friday (t)

BETTING AT MANCHESTER—Monday.

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES.

20 to 1 agst Suspicion (t f)	50 to 1 agst Vermouth (t and off)
20 to 1 ... Callista colt (t)	66 to 1 ... Ethelred (t)
20 to 1 ... Fanfreluche (t)	100 to 1 ... Highflyer's dam colt (t)
20 to 1 ... Gratitude (t and off)	100 to 1 ... Crisis (t)
25 to 1 ... Mail Train (t)	100 to 1 ... Catch-'em-Alive (t)
200 to 7 ... Tattoo (t)	100 to 1 ... Dr Syntax (t)
40 to 1 ... Thalestris (t)	100 to 1 ... Columbia (t)
50 to 1 ... Scamander (t)	

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES.

25 to 1 on the field (off)	1000 to 30 agst Erin-go-Bragh (t)
100 to 3 agst Baldwin (t)	

THE DERBY.

20 to 1 agst Breadalbane (t f)

LATEST BETTING.

GREAT EASTERN HANDICAP.

25 to 1 agst Gemma (t)	25 to 1 agst Peignoir (t)
25 to 1 ... Blondella (t)	25 to 1 ... Pupil (t)
25 to 1 ... Umpire (t)	25 to 1 ... Vivid (t)

THE CESAREWITCH STAKES.

15 to 1 agst Suspicion (t)	40 to 1 agst Battaglia (t)
25 to 1 ... Gratitude (t f)	100 to 1 ... Baldwin (t)
25 to 1 ... Callista colt (t)	100 to 1 ... The Brewer (t)
33 to 1 ... Thalestris (t)	

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES.

25 to 1 agst Baldwin (t)	100 to 3 agst Brick (t)

CANTERBURY RACES.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

To-day was commenced one of those pleasant local meetings that serve to keep alive the interest in the national sport of the turf after the great events of the year have been decided. Under the stewardship of the Right Hon Viscount Sydney, lord lieutenant of the county, the Marquis of Conyngham, the Viscount St. Vincent, Sir Courtenay Honeywood, Bart., Sir John Fagge, Bart., the Mayor of Canterbury, H. A. Butler Johnstone, Esq., M.P., Major Witherington, Captain Knatchbull, and F. Phillips, Esq., an attractive programme for two days' racing was prepared, and so far as the first day's proceedings were concerned, well carried out. Travellers in the good old coaching days, when the South Eastern Railway was only projected, and years before the London and Chatham was even dreamed of, will remember the fine open expanse of country commencing some three or four miles out of Canterbury, on the road to Dover, known as Barham Downs. Here—where in less peaceable days Britons fought Romans and Saxons, and Saxons fought the Danes—the inhabitants of the fine old city of Canterbury used to hold race meetings that occupied four days. Whether it was that the interest of the men of Kent in horseflesh declined, or that other meetings springing up around them supplied more frequent means of gratification, or from the cause, it is certain that the meeting of the cathedral city dwindled first to three days, then to two days, and finally to one, in which unitarian condition it remained for something approaching twenty years. Though thus shorn of importance, it still remained an agreeable gathering, where townsfolk and country folk met to enjoy in common an honest afternoon's sport. Under the influence of the rapidly-increasing taste for racing, and the facility of locomotion afforded by the numerous lines of railway, Canterbury Races bid fair to resume their ancient importance. This year, after a long interval, two days' sport is provided; and, with such energetic stewards as those who have the matter in hand, next year may witness a further improvement. Before the days of railways, local meetings had each an individuality of its own. Now, thanks to excursion trains and cheap fares, all bear a marvellous resemblance, on a smaller scale, to the great Hippic May meeting of the year. The same heterogeneous collection of noble supporters of the turf, sporting gentlemen, betting men, trainers, legs, and welshers, congregate, and for the nonce fraternise in the same magic circle. The same bigger minstrels perform the same Crow chorus. Thimble-riggers in quiet corners exhibit the same innocent awkwardness of manipulation which never fails to induce honest rustics, who think they can believe the evidence of their own eyes, to part with half-crowns that they can ill afford to lose. The same noisy, impudent vagabonds repeat the old story of the bet for a fabulous amount between a noble marquis and a sporting cadet, the determination of which necessitates the sale of a thousand sovereigns, within a given time, at the low sum of one penny per dozen. The same elementary professors of sleight-of-hand exhibit purses at one shilling each, in which, as an inducement to the simpletons who cluster round them, they appear to drop genuine coins until a buyer is forthcoming, who, of course, finds himself the possesser of a purse worth twopence, containing bronze coinage of the realm to an equal amount; the garrulous, clever scamps who operate, of course clearing 200 per cent by the transaction. The same noisy, sinister blackguards who, if they do not frequent the treadmill, should be taking a little healthful crank or treadwheel exercise, shout the odds against the field, and implore all within hearing to have something on each event. Add to all these the usual proportion of acrobats, itinerant vocalists, vendors of "correct cards," pickpockets, and it will be seen that the usual elements of a race-meeting were well represented. The attendance of spectators was not so numerous as might have been anticipated, considering that the local quota was swelled by the freight of excursions from London and from other places in the system of the South-Eastern and the London, Chatham, and Dover Railways. It was amply sufficient, however, to give animation to the scene, while enabling all to have a good opportunity of witnessing the sport to perfection. The details of the running are given below.

THE TWO YEAR OLD STAKES of 5 sovs each with 20 added; colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 7lb; winners extra, with allowances. Three-quarters of a mile. 9 sovs.

Mr. C. P. Hudson's Tilt, by Tournament—Spot, 10st 5lb.....Clarke 1
Mr. Egerton's Corporal Trim, 10st 5lb .....Jas. Nightingall 2
Lord St Vincent's St. Leger, 8st 7lb .....Elphick, jun 3
Captain Cooper's Maud, 8st 7lb ....Hibberd 0

Betting: 2 to 1 against Tilt, 3 to 1 against any other. The flag fell to a good start, and the lot ran together for about 200 yards, when Tilt went to the front, closely waited upon by Maud and Corporal Trim, St. Leger several lengths in the rear. As they approached the dip the three leaders were abreast of each other, and for some distance, where Tilt came out and won easily by three lengths. A length separated second and third. Maude close up.

THE BARHAM DOWN STAKES of 3 sovs each, with 30 added, weight for age, with selling allowances. Five furlongs.

Mr H Marsh's Princess Dagmar, by Windhound—Nina, 2 yrs 6st 4lb .....I'Anson, jun 1
Mr Saltmarsh's f by Tadmor—Lady Wilson, 2 yrs, 6st 4lb .....Smith 2
Mr Fleming's Eleanor, 3 yrs, 7st 13lb .....Keats 3
Mr Temple's Fairyland, 2 yrs, 6st 4lb.....Elphick 0
Mr Graham's Rosa Lee, 3 yrs, 7st 13lb .....Jas Nightingall 0
Mr York's Blanche of Lancaster, 4 yrs, 8st 6lb.....Hibberd 0
Mr Griffith's Sherborne, aged, 8st 8lb .....John Nightingall 0
Mr England's Michel Grove, 5 yrs, 8st 11lb.....Zanker 0

After some delay at the post, the flag fell to a fair start, Sherborne jumping off with the lead, followed by Blanche of Lancaster, Princess Dagmar, and the Yadmor filly, the others close up. This order was maintained until they topped the hill, where Princess Dagmar took the lead, and Sherborne fell into the rear. From the distance a good race ensued between the three placed, resulting in the victory of Princess Dagmar by a length and a half; the co-quarters of a length separated second and third; Rosa Lee was fourth; Blanche of Lancaster fifth; and Sherborne last. The winner was bought by Mr. H. Wright for 70 guineas.

THE EAST KENT HANDICAP PLATE of 70 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 5 sovs each; the second to save his stake; winners extra. One mile seven furlongs.

Captain Wrotham's Fletton, by Hampton, dam by Epirus, 4 yrs, 8st 12lb.....Zanker 1
Mr C P Hudson's Warwick, 3 yrs, 7st 12lb.....Clarke 2
Mr Breary's Telscombe, 3 yrs, 8st 12lb.....Hibberd 3
Mr Simpson's Professor, 3 yrs, 8st 11lb.....Prince 0
Mr Walker's Bombay, 3 yrs, 8st 11lb .....Jas Nightingall 0

Betting: 2 to 1 each against Warwick and Bombay, 3 to 1 against Fletton, and 6 to 1 against Telscombe. The lot, with the exception of Professor, who bolted, got well away, and when they had settled into their places Telscombe took a commanding lead, followed by Bombay and Fletton. After going about a mile Warwick took up the running, attended by Telscombe and Fletton, and from the distance the three came on together; but Fletton outpaced the others and won easily by six lengths; Telscombe a bad third.

A HANDICAP PLATE of £40; winners extra. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr Egerton's Roseneath, by Mountain Deer—Rosalinda, 3 yrs, 7st 4lb (carr 7st 6lb) .....Jas Nightingall 1
Mr E W Jones's Atlas, 4 yrs, 7st 7lb.....Keats 2
Mr Marsh's Confederalist, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb .....Hibberd 3
Mr R Wales's Lady Warwick, 3 yrs, 7st 4lb .....J Smith 0
Mr Shrimpton's Diploma, 3 yrs, 6st 10lb.....C Arnold 0
Mr J Walker's Bombay, 3 yrs, 8st 10lb.....Zanker 0

Betting: 6 to 4 against Atlas, 4 to 1 each agst Roseneath and Diploma, and 5 to 1 agst Confederalist. After two or three attempts the lot got off abreast, and ran to the top of the hill, where Atlas for a few strides showed in front, followed by Confederalist and Bombay. Approaching the distance Confederalist took the lead, and held it half-way up the straight, when Jemmy Nightingall, who had been riding with consummate skill and patience, brought Roseneath up with a rush, and won cleverly by a neck; a length separating second and third. Diploma was a good fourth, with Lady Warwick close up; Bombay was last.

THE SCURRY HANDICAP of 3 sovs each, with 20 sovs added. Half a mile.

Mr H Marsh's Princess Dagmar, 2 yrs, 7st 4lb ...James Nightingall 1
Mr York's Blanche of Lancaster, 4 yrs, 8st 12lb .....Hibberd 2
Mr England's Michael Grove, 5 yrs, 8st 11lb .....Zanker 3
Mr G Simpson's Professor, 3 yrs, 8st 7lb.....Prince 0

Betting: 7 to 4 each agst Blanche of Lancaster and Princess Dagmar, and 7 to 1 bar two. Won by a neck; a length separated second and third.

WEDNESDAY.

A HANDICAP OF 3 sovs each, with 20 added; winners extra. Three-quarters of a mile. 14 subs.

Mr J Graham's Rosa Lee, by Tadmor—St. Rosalia, 3 yrs, 8st 7lb .....Elphick 1
Mr Burbidge's Ballverne, 5 yrs, 7st 10lb .....Clarke 2
Mr G Egerton's Mother Bunch, 3 yrs, 7st (carried 7st 7lb) .....James Nightingall 3
Mr Ewbank's Microscope, 4 yrs, 8st 7lb .....R I'Anson 0
Mr Saltmersh's Confusion, aged, 8st 5lb .....Comery 0
Mr E Jones's Atlas, 4 yrs, 8st .....Prior 0
Mr T Hughes's Physician, aged, 8st .....Hibberd 0
Mr Marsh's Rapture, 6 yrs, 8st .....Smith 0
Mr R Wales's Lady Warwick, 3 yrs, 7st 4lb .....Arnold 0
Mr Harley's Budworth, 4 yrs, 7st 4lb .....Jackson 0
Mr Shrimpton's Diploma, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb .....Prince 0
Mr York's Fleetwood, 3 yrs, 6st 7lb .....

Betting: 3 to 1 agst Ballverne, 4 to 1 agst Mother Bunch, 6 to 1 agst Rapture, and 8 to 1 each agst Rosa Lee and Budworth. The favorite made the pace away, and Rosa Lee went to the front, carried on the running to the end, and won by a length and a half; two lengths separated second and third; Physician was fourth, Budworth fifth, and Fleetwood last.

THE WELTER CUP (Handicap), value 50 sovs, by subscription of 5 sovs each, with 30 added; gentlemen riders; winners and professionals extra. One mile and a half. 14 subs.

Mr Hudson's Warwick, by Leamington—Syren, 3 yrs, 10st (inc 7lb ex) .....John Nightingall 1
Mr T Hughes's Real Jam, 5 yrs, 11st 9lb (inc 7lb ex) .....D Hughes 2
Mr W E Jones's Zeloo, 4 yrs, 10st 12lb .....Mr Bevill 3
Capt. Wrotham's Fletton, 4 yrs, 10st 12lb (inc 5lb ex).....Owner 0
Mr E Egerton's Roseneath, 3 yrs, 10st 7lb (inc 3lb ex) .....Mr H Wombwell 0

Betting: Even on Zeloo, 4 to 1 each agst Fletton and Roseneath, 5 to 1 each agst Warwick and Real Jam. After one no-go, the flag fell to an even start; but after going a short distance Real Jam went to the front, with Zeloo and Fletton in pursuit. Warwick being last at the three-quarter-mile turn, the four leading horses took the wrong course, and John Nightingall taking advantage of their mistake, got Warwick to the front with a commanding lead; but as he topped the hill for home, Zeloo made up his leeway, and from the distance a fine race ensued between the pair, Warwick winning by a short head; Roseneath a bad third, and Fletton fourth.

A SELLING STAKES of 5 sovs each, with 20 added; weight for age, with selling and other allowances. Half a mile. 5 subs.

Mr H Wright's Princess Dagmar, by Windhound—Nina, 2 yrs 6st 6lb .....I'Anson 1
Mr R Poulson's f by Hataplan—Frolic, 2 yrs, 6st 6lb .....J Smith 2
Mr Ingland's Michel Grove, 5 yrs, 8st 11lb .....Zanker 3
Mr R Read's Lady Nichol, 3 yrs, 7st 13lb.....Jas Nightingall 0

Betting: 2 to 1 against Princess Dagmar, 2 to 1 agst Lady Nichol, and 10 to 1 bar two. The start was delayed some time by the eagerness of Jemmy Nightingall to get off, and when the flag fell he was left at the post. The Frolic filly took the lead and held it into the dip, where the favourite came to the front, carried on the running to the finish, and won easily by a length and a half; Michel Grove was a bad third. The winner was bought in for 100gs., and Michel Grove was bought by G. Milne for 22gs.

A HANDICAP PLATE of 40 sovs; the winner to be sold for £40. 1 mile.

Mr Burbidge's Ballverne, by Womersley—Battaglia, 5 yrs, 8st 7lb .....D Hughes 1
Mr J Graham's Rosa Lee, 3 yrs, 7st .....Elphick 2
Mr Harley's Budworth, 4 yrs, 8st.....Prior 3
Mr Saltmarsh's f by Tadmor—Lady Wilson, 2 yrs, 6st .....Jackson 0

Betting: 6 to 4 on Rosa Lee, 3 to 1 agst Ballverne, and 5 to 1 bar two. Ballverne made play into the dip, where Rosa Lee went up and deprived her of the lead, which she held half-way up the distance, but the old mare running long on on the post by a head; Budworth a bad third. The winner was bought in for 72gs.

THE QUEEN'S PLATE of 100 guineas; three year olds, 8st 7lb; four, 9st 7lb; five and upwards, 9st 12lb. 2 miles.

Lord St Vincent's East Lancashire, by Hataplan—Jewel, 4 yrs, 9st 7lb .....Hibberd 1
Mr Breary's Telscombe, 3 yrs, 8st 7lb .....R I'Anson 2
Mr Saltmarsh's Confusion, aged, 9st 12lb.....Comery 3
Mr T Hughes's Real Jam, 5 yrs, 9st 12lb .....D Hughes 4
Mr J Walker's Bombay, 3 yrs, 8st 7lb .....Harris 5

Betting: 10 to 1 on East Lancashire. Confusion made play, followed by Telscombe and East Lancashire in the order named. The lot ran in close order for a mile and a quarter, when East Lancashire went to the front, was never afterwards approached, and won by twenty lengths. Real Jam was fourth, and Bombay last.

THE MILITARY STAKES of 3 sovs each, with 15 added; 11st 7lb each; gentleman riders; winners and professionals extra. 14 mile. 4 subs.

Lieut de Burgh's The Rogue (late Orphan) .....Capt Alfrey 1
Mr R Harrison's Staring Tom, 3 yrs .....Mr Ward 2
Mr Churchman's Sharpshooter, 6 yrs.....Mr Bevill 3
Mr Collins's b m Vengeance (h b), aged .....Mr Collard 4

Betting: Even on Sharpshooter, who made play for half a mile, when The Rogue went ahead, but ran out, and lost at least 150 yds, but, being persevered with, he caught his horses at the top of the hill, and sailing away home, won by three lengths; two lengths separated the second and third.

HICKLEY (NOTTS) MEETING.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20.

Stewards—Hon. G. Dunkellin, Captain Gillespie, and Sir Philip Tuffnell. Clerk of the Course, G. Woodward; Judge, Mr Hock; Secretary, Mr. Linfoot.

These races came off on Tuesday last with great *eclat*, notwithstanding a heavy fall of rain. A slight *contretemps* occurred in the Hickley Cup, the owner of Hedstone refusing to acknowledge the decision of the judge, and declaring that the race was his. He appealed to the stewards, who, after a lengthy consultation, decided against him, and declared the winner to be Hartshorn; the public appeared to be satisfied with the decision of the stewards, and the affair ended quietly. Young Hedgworth, whose performances at Ormskirk some time ago created such a sensation, again distinguished himself, winning two races out of the five. The course (a bran new one) was in fine condition, but should the meeting be held again we should recommend some better railings, as after the meeting they were all broken to pieces. Most of the gentry of the surrounding county attended, and we were also glad to observe several ladies. "Cloddhoppers" actually swarmed. The Lord of the Manor, the Hon. G. Dunkellin, has very generously given a Cup, value 50 guineas, to be competed for next year by three year olds only, and we think he deserves great praise for so doing. In the evening a grand ball was given, which was both well attended and highly successful.

THE TRIAL STAKES of 10s. each, with 5 sovs added. Gentlemen riders. One mile.

Major Moor's Encombe, aged 11st 7lb.....Owner 1
Mr L Benson's, Gratia, 6 yrs 11st .....Mr. Stutch 2
Mr R Stewart's Forester, aged, 12st .....Owner 3
Hon P P Smith's Edgars aged, 11st 11lb.....Owner 3
Blocky also started. Betting: 2 to 1 on Encombe, who got the best of the start, and won in a walk; a bad third.

THE HICKLEY STAKES HANDICAP of 50 sovs each, with 20 added, selling allowances. One mile and a half.

Mr Bampton's Cheesey, 7st 6lb .....Hedgcroft 1
Mr Montmorence's The Cure, 4 yrs, 8st 2lb .....Owner 2
Hon G Dunkellin's Hartshorn, 3 yrs 7st 5lb.....Ards 3
Mr Stewart's Rose also started. Betting: Even on Prizefighter, Chelsey and The Cure, 3 to 1 each agst Cheesey with the lead, and had a splendid race, which ended in a dead heat. The deciding heat was won by a head.

THE HICKLEYBY CUP value 10 sovs, with a sweepstakes of 10s. each. One mile.

Hon G Dunkellin's Hartshorn, 3 yrs, 7st 3lb.....Ards 1
Mr Thomson's Hedstone .....Owner 2

Even betting. A splendid race. Won by a short head. The owner of Hedstone appealed about the decision of the judge, who decided against him.

MAIDEN PLATE of 50 sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr H Montgomery's Gamecock, 3 yrs 7st 2lb .....Owner 1
Mr Benson's Salopian, 4 yrs, 8st.....Owner 2

Betting: 2 to 1 agst Salopian. Won in a canter, by two lengths.

THE COSSARTON STAKES of 5s. each, with 5 sovs added.

Mr Cherryman's Duck, 4 yrs, 10st, 10lb .....Owner 1
Mr Tufnall's Alf, 3 yrs, 7st .....Henlin 2
Mr R Stewart's Forester, aged, 12st .....Smith 3

Won easily. All was badly ridden.

HENDON.

THURSDAY.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

HARE STAKES.—Mistletoe, 1; Scotch Grey, 2; Brown Mare, 3. Six ran.

WEAVERS' HANDICAP.—Corinthian Tom, 1; Vision, 2; Fanny Seaton, 3. Twelve ran.

METROPOLITAN CUP.—Smite, 1; Glendinning, 2; Coronet, 3. Nine ran.

INNKEEPERS' CUP.—Jenny, 1; Brown Cob, 2. Five ran.

BOLTING PURSE.—Never-no-More, 1; Coronet, 2. Nine ran.

TRAINING REPORTS.

OUR reports from training quarters are this week very brief, many horses having been absent at Doncaster, which have not yet resumed their regular work, we have, however, requested our correspondents to pay particular attention to the horses engaged in the great Autumn Handicaps, and to report fully as to their condition and doings.

ISELEY.—"I think Gratitude and Myrtle the most likely horses we have here for the big handicaps, both are doing good strong work and look and go well. We have besides Charmian and Skeffington in preparation. Charmian is doing good strong work, but I do not think her up to much. Skeffington is doing well but you will know better than I can tell you if he can get home with his weight. Fisherman's Daughter, Cranbury, Protectionist two years old, and others are in good work and seem likely to be wanted soon."

LAMBOURNE.—"The horses in work here are Apprentice, Brigand, Brown Dayrell, Costa, Coup de Etat, Crisis, Clotilde filly, Caimcastle, Catonus, Crossbow, Dilly Dally, Effie, Flying Horse, Friday, Glenduik, Lioness, Lord of Ellan, Liddington, Ludicrous, filly out of Mrs. Carter, Moetissima filly, Major, Pilgrim, Pixie, Prince Plausible, Quiz, Queen Mary, Romola, Rambling Katie (colt), Royal Stag, Sweet Willie, Scottish Chief, Theodore, Turn of Luck, Wild Charley, and several others. Gladstone is going to leave us, being reported sold. Prince Plausible is the likeliest of our lot to pull off the Cambridgeshire, and the old horse looks well and fit. Mr. Saxon, they say, has made a munch of Prior; I hardly know what they mean by that, but they have had the knife to him. I should think Dilly Dally will go to Newmarket, but he would be better with rather more time. All the above are well, and the ground is now much better for work."

LEWES.—"Accident, Blackdown, Dr. Syntax, and Highflyer's dam colt, are doing good, strong, long work, as if meant for the great handicaps. The Doctor is nicely in, and will take some beating at his weight. Others at work are Corroborator, Constellation, Colleen, Devotee, Diviner, Honey Bee, Longdown, Lord Burleigh, Performer, Puck, St. Leger, Sallient, Sheridan, and a few others."

MALTON.—"I have nothing to report, as Doncaster last week and Richmond this week has taken nearly all our horses and men away."

MIDDLEHAM.—"I will send you a full report next week. I am afraid we have nothing with a chance for the Cesarewitch or Cambridgeshire."

NEWMARKET.—"The horses in work are Algarsife, Bacchus, Breeze, Bathilde, Carisbrook, Calista colt, Cordelia, Dunkeld, Eleanor, Evelina, Fantail, Gabrielle d' Estrees, Gladiateur, Giant, Giraffe filly, two years, Gen Ihomme, Jack Jukes, Jamieson, Kate Hampton two years, Knave of Trumps, Lady Florence, Le Mendarin, Melrose, Money Spinner, Provisor, Rothomago Stockinger, Sister to Tomato, Tomato, Tape, Vivid, Water Baby, Wandering Minstrel, and a lot of others. I think Carisbrook is meant for the Cambridge, and Fantail for the Cesarewitch, and both will be had to beat, but I have more hope of Stockinger for the shortest race, and Wandering Minstrel will beat more than best him in the Cesarewitch as every time I see him he looks better."

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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

JAMES SNOWDEN.—In continuation of our series of portraits of eminent jockeys, we this week present our readers with a faithful likeness of JAMES SNOWDEN, the successful pilot of Blair Athol for the Derby at Epsom, and the great St. Leger at Doncaster. A triple crown now adorns the brow of Snowden, he having also won the Oaks on Butterfly in 1860. In 1862 he rode the winners of thirteen races, and in 1862 he was still more fortunate, having scored thirty-three wins, which, considering the number of his mounts, was a great achievement. Snowden ranks among the first *artistes* of the day, and we know those who invest more largely and confidently when he is "up" than were almost any other jockey to ride. It is not merely in his professional capacity that he is esteemed, as he is equally a favourite in the social circle. His lowest riding weight is 7st 10lb, and Mr. F. Watt has the first call on his services, and Lord Zetland the second. Belle Isle, Richmond, Yorkshire, is his location.

MR. SAMUEL PHELPS, whose portrait we give this week, was born at Devonport, in 1806. After receiving that modicum of tuition known as "a plain education," he was apprenticed to a printer in Plymouth, and it was as a compositor he first came to London, in 1821. His *début* was made in 1828 on the York circuit, he playing, however, for some time, as is usual with neophytes in the art, small parts only. In this way he travelled through several towns in England and Scotland, and then settled down for some time in Exeter. It was while staying here that the opportunity of assuming a higher range of character presented itself, and thus his fame reached London; the offer of several engagements from London managers to play leading business being produced, as Bulwer's "Richelieu," "Feudal Times," and "John Savile of Haysted," by the late Rev. H. White, and Mr. Tom Taylor's "Fool's Revenge." The invariable plan adopted by this management was the selection for each season of so many of Shakespeare's most popular plays, and of other popular legitimate plays, as would afford a pleasing change to its patrons; each season being further marked by the production, by way of novelty, of a new piece or a revival; but whatever the success of the novelty, it was never permitted to run so long as to prevent the ordinary round of important stock pieces being played. In nearly all the pieces produced during this long period of management Mr. Phelps sustained a leading character, and the power and finish—the characteristics of his genius—lavished upon each and all of them was such as sufficed to realise, with but few exceptions, to the utmost the poet's conceptions. In comedy he is as effective as in tragedy; indeed, some are of opinion that of late years his comedy is most effective. In the characters of Sir Pertinax MacSycophant, in Macklin's "Man of the World," and Sir Peter Teazle, he certainly is unapproachable. Not the least useful result of Mr. Phelp's long and intelligent management of Sadler's Wells Theatre is to be found in the opportunity it has afforded for the *débuts* of so many excellent actors and actresses. The career of Mr. Phelps subsequent to his comparatively recent relinquishment of the management of Sadler's Wells Theatre, comprising, as it does, his engagement by Mr. Fechter, on that gentleman assuming management at the Lyceum—his secession by reason of no opportunity having, after a lengthened period of waiting, been afforded for his appearance at that theatre—his successful engagement at Drury Lane, where he has appeared in

MR. SAMUEL PHELPS, THE FAMOUS TRAGEDIAN.

(From a Photograph by PARKER and SPICER.)

the result. One of these, that of Mr. Benjamin Webster, then lessee of the Haymarket, he accepted, and made his first appearance in London on the boards of that theatre. He played the whole range of Shakespearian and other leading characters, and his success was from the first decided. From the Haymarket he went to Covent Garden, then under the management of Mr. Macready, there playing leading characters alternately with that eminent actor, then in the zenith of his fame, and thus assumed the leading position he has ever since maintained. Full recognition of his right to this position was all but unanimously accorded, both by the public and the press. From Covent Garden he went to the Lyceum, and after a short engagement there, went to Drury Lane, where he played again with Mr. Macready. He next appeared before the public as a manager himself, taking, in conjunction with the talented Mrs. Warner, in 1844, Sadler's Wells Theatre, thus inaugurating a management which, for the importance of its Shakespearian revivals and the services done to the cause of legitimacy, stands unequalled. For a period extending over eighteen years, Mr. Phelps, in conjunction, at first, with Mrs. Warner, and after that lady's retirement with Mr. Greenwood, produced no less than thirty-four of Shakespeare's plays—a thing that no management ever did before; but what was more important, each production was marked by such scrupulous care in its every department as rendered it inferior to none ever attempted at any former period, and in very many instances greatly superior to what had hitherto been done. In addition to Shakespeare's plays, other works of the old dramatists were rendered, such as Webster's "Duchess of Malfi," Massinger's "Fatal Dowry," and Southern's "Isabella;" and several original pieces of importance were "Manfred," "Night and Morning," "The Man of the World," and "Henry IV.," First Part, now again revived, and where he has been the mainstay of the management.

TINLEY.—Robert Christopher Tinley is a native of Nottingham, and was born at Southwell on the 25th of October, 1830. He may be regarded as a most perfect cricketer, as he is proficient in every department of the game. As point, which is allowed to be one of the most dangerous positions in the field, he is admitted to be without an equal, fielding with both hands like a cat, and taking the most determined hits from the point of the bat. In batting he is very dangerous, playing cautiously, and giving much trouble to the bowlers. Of his abilities with the ball, it is only necessary to say that he is one of the best slow bowlers out, and when he is brought to bear against the batsman, you may be sure death and destruction are meant for the timbers. Taking into account that Tinley is only 34 years of age, he has before him the prospect of a very bright career, and we feel assured that no cricketer will take more pains to improve his powers, if such be possible in the profession to which he has devoted himself. He is a great favourite in Nottingham, and was selected by George Parr as one of the twelve to do battle for the old-country in the cricket fields of Australia. Of the danger of his slows we have good evidence in some of the matches played in the Colonies. In the match against the Twenty-two of Victoria, though he only took five wickets by bowling down the stumps, no less than 13 were taken from him by the field. In the match against the Twenty-two of Bendigo, he also proved very destructive, taking 27 wickets in the two innings for his own share. Against the twenty-two of Ballarat we have 23 wickets placed to his credit, and against the Twenty-two of Ararat 26 wickets. In the contest against the Maryborough Team he claimed 22 wickets, and against Otago 5, for 39 balls. In his "home engagements" he is equally effective, and his averages as a bowler stand very high. In 1862 he bowled in eleven innings, and in 961 balls claimed 42 wickets, being an average of 3.9. In 1863 he bowled in eight innings 500 balls, for an average of 2.1 per innings. As a batsman he is rising, his average in 1862 being 8.42 in 50 innings, and in 1863 10.41 for 43. With these performances upon record, we are justified in regarding Tinley as a first class player, and one that is likely to maintain the honours of his country for many years to come.

GARDENER.—This excellent swimmer is a London celebrity. He has acquired great fame for his peculiar overhand stroke which has proved faster than the ordinary mode of natation. He may be termed the originator of this style, and he is undoubtedly the most accomplished illustrator of the peculiarity, which, if not lasting, is certainly graceful and effective in short distances. Gardener is now the 500 yds Champion, he having wrested the honour from Mather, Aspinal, and Meakin in succession. The 500 yds Cup is now his own property.

NURR AND SPELL.

ON Monday there was only a slender muster of the admirers of this game to witness the match between Abram Farrah and G. Berry, both of Batley, the latter receiving 29 scores in thirty rises. Considering the number present, there was a fair amount of betting, Farrah being the favourite, at 2 to 1, at starting. Berry was the first to start, and made the following scores:—First five rises: 10 10 8 9 7—44; second: 8 9 7 9 4—37; third: 10 9 5 7 8—39; fourth: 8 10 8 8 9—43; fifth, 10 10 9 8 9—46; sixth: 9 10 9 9 7—35; total, with the 20 scores given 264. Farrah's first five rises: 10 10 10 7 9—46; second: 9 9 9 9 10; 37; third: 10 4 9 8 10—41; fifth: 9 10 11 10 11—51; sixth: 10 11 11 11 10—53; total, 274, winning by ten scores.

HOLLING AND HORROCKS.—The match between J. Holling, of Bradford, and W. Horrocks, of Gildersome, to play a game at nurr and spell for £25 a side, is progressing, and is fixed to be played this day (Saturday), September 24, at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds.

AMERICAN METROPOLITAN DRAUGHT CLUB.—Some of the draughts players of this city and vicinity met at the reading room of the Mercantile Hotel, 168 Duane-street, on Wednesday, the 24th inst., pursuant to the call in the last *Clipper*, for the purpose of forming a Draught Club, and for the advancement of the science of our favourite game. We were agreeably surprised to find so many present, ready and willing to help in forming the club. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hickox, by nominating Mr. W. H. Burr, of Williamsburg, chairman. A committee of three was appointed by the President, to draught constitution and by-laws, and on their being adopted by the members present, Mr. Burr was elected President, and A. J. Dunlap Secretary of the Club. After minor matters were talked over, and some games played, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, 8 p.m., Aug. 31st, when an opportunity will be given for all who will enroll themselves as members of the Metropolitan Draught Club of New York and Brooklyn.

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RICHMOND (YORKSHIRE) RACES.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20.

The EASBY STAKES of 5 sovs each, with 20 added, for two and three year olds. Penalties and allowances. About three-quarters of a mile.

Mr J Osborne's Brown Bread, by Weatherbit—Brown Agnes 2 yrs, 7st 7lb ...... Whiteley 1
Mr Smith's Lion, 2 yrs, 6st 11lb ...... Loates 2
Mr Smith's Nu, 2 yrs, 6st 11lb ...... Carroll 3

Betting: 2 to 1 on Lion, 5 to 2 agst Brown Bread, 10 to 1 against Nu. Won by a head; a bad third.

The RICHMOND HANDICAP of 10 sovs each, h ft, and 2 if declared, with 80 added; winners extra; second to receive 15 sovs. One mile and three-quarters. 24 subs.; 11 declared.

Mr Bowes's Early Purl, by Chanticleer—The Flapper, 4 yrs, 8st 2lb ...... Loates 1
Lord Zetland's Revival, 3 yrs, 7st 7lb ...... Carroll 2
Mr Temperley's Alice, 4 yrs, 8st ...... J Snowden 3
Mr Masterman's Honest John, 4 yrs, 8st 12lb ...... G Noble 0
Lord Poulett's Ace of Hearts, 4 yrs, 7st 11lb ...... Challoner 0
Mr Fobert's Wharfinger, 3 yrs, 6st 13lb ...... J Marson 0

Betting: 2 to 1 agst Revival, 5 to 2 against Alice, 4 to 1 against Early Purl, 5 to 1 against Ace of Hearts. Won by half a length; a bad third.

The LICENSED VICTUALLERS' PLATE of 3 sovs each, with 20 added; for all ages. Grey Stone in.

Jacisein, 8st 4lb ...... Noble 1
Nelly Gray, 6st 7lb ...... Carroll 2
Little Dame, 6st 7lb ...... Cameron 3
Serf, 8st 6lb ...... G Noble 0
General Jackson, 6st 10lb ...... Bates 0
Tabitha Bramble, 6st 7lb ...... Lawrence 0

Betting: 6 to 5 agst Jacisein, 3 to 1 agst Tabitha Bramble, 6 1 to each agst Serf and Nelly Gray. Won by a length; half a length between second and third. The winner was bought in for 43 guineas.

The MEMBERS' PLATE (Handicap) of 50 sovs, added to a Sweepstakes of 5 sovs each, 2 ft; winners extra; second to receive 10 sovs. One mile. 16 subs.

Lord Zetland's Bandarilla, by Voltigeur—Castanette, 3 yrs, 7st 2lb ...... Carroll 1
Mr John Osborne's Gaily, 4 yrs, 7st 6lb ...... Whiteley 2
Mr Watt's National Guard, 4 yrs. 7st 13lb ...... Loates 3
Mr Fobert's Wisdom, 3 yrs, 6st 3lb ...... Bates 4
Mr C Winteringham's Stiff, 3 yrs, 6st 3lb ...... Cranshaw 5

Betting: 2 to 1 each agst National Guard and Gaily, 5 to 2 agst Bandarilla. Won by half a length.

The SAPLING STAKES of 10 sovs each, with 50 added, for two year olds; colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 3lb. Half a mile and 200 yds.

Mr J Osborne's Wild Agnes, by Wild Dayrell—Brown Agnes, 8st 11lb ...... J Osborne 1
Lord Zetland's St. Magnus, 8st 10lb ...... J Snowden 2
Mr Winteringham's Nothing More, 9st 11lb (inc 5lb ex) ...... Challoner 3
Mr J Osborne's First-Rater, 8st 10lb ...... Whiteley 0

Betting: 7 to 1 on Wild Agnes, who won by six lengths.

The RICHMOND CUP (handicap) of 50 sovs, for all ages; winners extra. Grey Stone in.

Mr Jackson's Lady Louisa, by Flying Dutchman—Countess of Burlington, 6 yrs, 8st 12lb ...... Doyle 1
Mr Bowes's Theobalda, 3 yrs 7st 10lb ...... Loates 2
Mr Singleton's Mrs. Lirriper, 2 yrs, 5st 9lb ...... Craddock 3
Mr J Ridley's Redmire, 2 yrs, 5st 12lb ...... J Challoner 4
Mr Watt's Miss Armstrong, 4 yrs, 8st 7lb ...... J Snowden 0
Mr Fobert's Risk, 2 yrs, 6st 2lb ...... Bates 0
Mr G Whitfield's Strong Beer, 2 yrs, 5st 9lb ...... Lawrence 0
Mr H Robinson's Rondoletia, 2 yrs, 5st 7lb ...... Cameron 0

Betting: 6 to 4 on Lady Louisa, 5 to 1 agst any other. Won by two lengths the same between second and third; a neck between third and fourth.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21.

The WRIGHT STAKES of 7 sovs each, 5ft, with 50 added; colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 7lb; allowances; winners extra; second to receive 10 sovs. A mile and a half. 22 subs.

Mr Mackenzie's Oppressor, by Newminster—Olga, 9st 4lb (inc. 8lb ex) ...... Doyle 1
Mr F Watt's Olmar, 9st 11lb (inc 5lb ex) ...... J Snowden 2
Lord Zetland's St Magnus, 8st 13lb ...... Carroll 3
Mr Jackson's Jupiter, 8st 7lb ...... Whiteley 4
Mr Elliott's Portric, 8st 10lb ...... J Marson 5
Mr Mackenzie's Guimauve, 8st 7lb ...... Locke 6
Mr J Osborne's King Alfred, 8st 10lb ...... J Osborne 7

Betting: 5 to 4 on Oppressor, 7 to 2 against Olmar, 4 to 1 against Jupiter, 10 to 1 against any other. Won by half a length; a length between second and third; a head between third and fourth.

The BURTON HANDICAP of 7 sovs each, 5ft, and 2 if declared, with 50 added; second to receive 10 sovs; winners extra. A mile and a half. 22 subs. 11 declared.

Mr Bowes's Early Purl, by Chanticleer—The Flapper, 4 years, 8st 9lb (inc 7lb ex) ...... Loates 1
Mr T Masterman's Honest John, 4 yrs, 8st 12lb ...... G Noble 2
Lord Zetland's Bandarilla, 3 yrs, 8st 7lb ...... Carroll 3
Mr Temperley's Alice, 4 yrs, 7st 12lb ...... Challoner 4
Lord Poulett's Ace of Hearts, 4 yrs, 7st 12lb ...... J Marson 5

Betting: 7 to 4 on Early Purl, 5 to 2 agst Bandarilla, 3 to 1 agst Alice. Won by half a length; a length between second and third; a bad fourth.

THE BELSAY CASTLE NURSERY HANDICAP of 100 sovs, for two year olds; winners extra. Grey Stone in.

Mr T Masterman's Lozenge, by Sweetmeat—Down with the Dust, 7st 7lb ...... G Noble 1
Mr Chirnside's Sister to Lady Augusta, 7st 6lb ...... J Loates 2
Mr H Robinson's Rondoletia, 7st ...... Carroll 3
Mr J Watson's Nothing More, 8st 10lb ...... Challoner 4
Mr Jackson's Paraffin, 8st 11lb ...... Doyle 0
Mr Fobert's Risk, 7st 12lb ...... J Marson 0
Mr Beaumont's Club Queen, 7st 12lb ...... Whiteley 0
Mr J Gregory's Little Minister, 7st 10lb ...... Gurry 0
Mr F Webb's Bon Chance, 7st 3lb ...... Telford 0

Betting: 5 to 4 on Sister to Lady Augusta, 5 to 1 each agst Club Queen and Lozenge, 10 to 1 agst any other. Won by a length; two lengths between second and third, the same between third and fourth.

The RICHMOND VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS PLATE of 30 sovs, for all ages; penalties, selling and other allowances. Grey Stone in.

Mr J Osborne's Nelly Gray, by The Cure—Nelly Taft (h b), 2 yrs, 6st 7lb ...... Carroll 1
Mr Winteringham's Wingenund, 2 yrs, 6st 7lb ...... Cameron 2
Lord Vivian's Busy Bee, 2 yrs, 6st 7lb ...... Cranshaw 3
Mr J Wheatley's Ratomski, 5 yrs, 8st 13lb ...... Shields 4
Mr Yermand's Tabitha Bramble, 2 yrs, 6st 7lb ...... Lawrence 5
Mr T Dawson's Serf, 4 yrs, 8st 6lb ...... Gurry 6

Betting: 6 to 4 on Busy Bee, 9 to 2 agst Nelly Gray, 6 to 1 each agst Tabitha Bramble and Serf, 10 to 1 any other. Won by a length; two lengths between second and third; a bad fourth. Serf did not pass the post. The winner was not sold.

The ZETLAND PLATE (Handicap) of 50 sovs, for all ages; winners extra. Five furlongs.

Mr Smith's Lion, by Windhound — Lioness, 2 yrs, 6st 5lb ...... Cranshaw 1
Mr Sidney's Chicot the Jester, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb ...... Carroll 2
Mr Fobert's Wisdom, 3 yrs, 6st 12lb ...... J Marson 3
Mr Osborne's Lyra, 3 yrs, 7st 7lb ...... Whiteley 0
Mr Jackson's Lady Louisa, 6 yrs, 9st 5lb (inc 5lb ex) ...... Doyle 0
Mr Bowes's Theobalda, 3 yrs, 7st 12lb ...... Loates 0
Mr T S Dawson's Harry Brailsford, 2 yrs, 6st 3lb ...... Lawrence 0
Mr Osborne's c by Coisterdale, dam by Fernhill, 2 yrs, 6st 3lb ...... R Challoner 0
Mr Chirnside's Sister to Lady Augusta, 2 yrs, 5st 7lb ...... Cameron 0

Betting: 2 to 1 each agst Lady Louisa and Chicot the Jester, 5 to 1 agst Lion, 6 to 1 agst Sister to Lady Augusta. Won by two lengths; a length between second and third; the same between third and fourth.

ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT (AYR) MEETING.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

THE WESTERN MEETING STAKES.

St. Alexis 1
Ostentation 2
Measure for Measure 3

Three ran.

THE AYR GOLD CUP.

Newchurch 1
Cremorne 2
Huntsman's Daughter 3
Jack's Alive 4

Four ran.

THE HUNTERS' STAKES.

Weatherwise 1
Johnny Cope 2
Cariboo 3

Five ran.

THE FIFTY POUND PLATE.

St. Alexis 1
Jack's Alive 2
Adrift 3

Six ran.

COXHOE RACES AND SPORTS.

THE following are the particularly chief events of this merry little meeting, which took place on Monday and Tuesday last. The first event on the card was a race for a cart saddle and trapping, for horses the property of farmers and tradesmen residing within five miles of Coxhoe. Heats, about one mile, for which three came to the post.—First heat: Mr Cousin's Rose of Raby, J Scott, 1; Mr Garthwaite's Caller Ou, Owner, 2; Mr Thompson's Maccaroni, Thompson, 3. Betting: 6 to 4 on Rose of Raby, 2 to 1 each agst Caller Ou and Maccaroni. Won by half a length.—Final heat: Rose of Raby, Scott, 1; Maccaroni, Thompson, 2. Won in a canter by upwards of ten lengths.—The next event was a race for ponies not exceeding fourteen hands. Heats about one mile. First Heat: Mr Garthwaite's Bonny Bell, Owner, 1; Mr Brown's Coxhoe Lass, Lockey, 2; Mr Scott's Blair Athol, Scott, 3. Betting: 2 to 1 agst Coxhoe Lass, 3 to 1 agst Bonny Bell, and Blair Athol. Final Heat: Bonny Bell, 1; Coxhoe Lass, 2; Blair Athol 3. Betting: 6 to 4 on Bonny Bell, 2 to 1 each agst Coxhoe Lass and Blair Athol. Won cleverly by a length.

Thenext event on the card was a foot race, once round the course; first, 15s; second, 5s; for which four came to the scratch. Thomas Morrowlee, 1; T Smith 2. A capital race home too place between the above two men, Morrowlee winning by about one yard

The next event was a running long leap, for which three came to the scratch; Joseph Todd and W Walker dividing after clearing 18ft. Running high leap, first, 10; second, 2s 6d; for which three came to the mark. J Dawson (clearing 5ft), 1; H Temple, 2.

Game of fives; first, 17s 6d; second, 2s 6d. W Liddle, M Robson, 1; J Dixon, J Wood, 2. This wound up the day's sports. T Birkett, Esq, was judge. In the evening a ball was held at the Railway Hotel.

NEWMARKET FIRST OCTOBER MEETING.

WEIGHTS FOR THE GREAT EASTERN HANDICAP.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Adventurer	5	9	10	Lapidist	5	7	7	The Beadle	3	6	9
Atherstone	6	9	3	Bayard	3	7	6	Mahometan	3	6	9
Birdfinder	4	8	13	Soumise	3	7	6	Baliverne	5	6	8
Umpire	a	8	12	Moulsey	3	7	6	Exquisite	5	6	8
Exchequer	5	8	11	H by Stockwell—Crochet	5	7	6	Privateer	3	6	8
Lawyer	6	8	11	Light	3	7	5	The Little Gentleman	3	6	8
Cambuscan	3	8	9	Pupil	5	7	5	Myrtle	6	6	8
Welland	5	8	9	His Excellency	4	7	5	Dr. Syntax	4	6	7
Master Richard	3	8	9	Washington	3	7	5	Beatrice	4	6	7
Gem of the Sea	4	8	7	Bertha	5	7	5	Nocturne	3	6	7
Walloon	6	8	7	Gratitude	4	7	5	Lina	4	6	7
The Gillie	4	8	6	Newchurch	4	7	4	Mail Train	3	6	7
Vivid	4	8	5	Turcos	4	7	4	Concordia	3	6	6
Brick	4	8	4	Fiancee	4	7	4	Theobalda	3	6	6
Armagnac	4	8	4	Aimack	4	7	4	Guardsman	3	6	6
Birch Broom	3	8	2	Cerintha	4	7	4	Columbia	4	6	6
Lady Louisa	6	8	1	Golden Dust	4	7	3	King John	3	6	6
Blue Mantle	4	8	1	Muezzin	4	7	3	Ethelred	3	6	4
Sir Roger	3	8	0	Zora	6	7	3	Vandervelde	3	6	4
Bacchus	3	8	0	Vabalathus	3	7	3	Aga ha	3	6	3
Gemma	5	8	0	Planet	3	7	2	Balornock	3	6	3
Historian	3	8	0	Rose	3	7	2	F by Voltigeur—Hersey	3	6	2
Fantail	4	8	0	Lytham	3	7	2	Brother to Rubini	3	6	2
Alchymist	5	8	0	Antoinette	3	7	0	Syren	3	6	2
Filibustier	4	8	0	Jessie	4	7	0	Cadeau	4	6	2
Queen of Spain	5	8	0	Crytheia	3	7	0	The Doe	3	6	2
Comet	4	7	13	Molly Carew	3	7	0	Confederate	3	6	0
Old Orange Girl	4	7	13	Algarsife	3	7	0	Armadillo	3	6	0
Woldga	4	7	12	Durham	3	7	0	Clairvoyante	3	6	0
Trust	5	7	12	Countersign	3	7	0	The Doctor	3	5	13
Lufra	4	7	12	Echo	3	7	0	King of Clubs	3	5	12
Crisis	3	7	10	Peignoir	5	6	13	Savannah	3	5	12
Saccharometer	4	7	10	War Dance	3	6	13	Bonus	3	5	12
Cantonnade	4	7	10	Castle Hill	3	6	12	F by Newminster—Lady Hawthorne	3	5	11
Blarney	3	7	10	Verbena	3	6	12	Lady Caroline	3	5	10
Leonora	5	7	10	Lucky Star	3	6	12	Madcap	3	5	13
Lady Abbess	4	7	10	Avondale	4	6	13	Isca	3	5	9
Soapstone	4	7	10	Waterloo	3	6	12	The Sluggard	3	5	7
King George	3	7	9	Ætna	4	6	10	St Alexis	5	paid	
Principal	5	7	8	Tooi Tooi	3	6	10	Marigold	4	paid	
Port Royal	4	7	8	Charlemagne	4	6	10	Flying Fish	4	dead	
Stockowner	4	7	7	Dolphin	4	6	10				
Liston	4	7	7	Gold Dust	4	6	10				
Blondella	5	7	7	Idler	3	6	9				
Paris	3	7	7								

WEIGHTS FOR THE OCTOBER HANDICAP.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Adventurer	5	9	10	Prince Plausible	6	7	8	The Tartar (late Baktitchi Seral)	3	6	9
Athesrtone	6	9	3	Accident	4	7	8	Charlemagne	4	6	9
Fairwater	6	9	2	Bellman	6	7	8	Watford	4	6	9
Magnum Bonum	5	8	10	Loiterer	a	7	7	Melrose	4	6	9
Lawyer	6	8	10	Historian	3	7	4	Peon	3	6	8
The Knave	5	8	10	His Excellency	4	7	4	Planet	3	6	8
Twilight	a	8	9	Beaver	3	7	4	Privateer	3	6	8
Limosina	5	8	9	Old Orange Girl	4	7	4	Welbeck	3	6	8
Jhy Armstrong	5	8	9	Tourist	4	7	4	Vabalathus	3	6	8
King of Utopia	4	8	7	Lapidist	5	7	3	Guerilla	3	6	7
Exchequer	5	8	7	Stockowner	4	7	3	Idler	3	6	6
Suburban	a	8	7	Paris	3	7	2	Pearl Diver	4	6	6
Deerfoot	4	8	4	Bacchus	3	7	2	Valiant	3	6	6
Vivid	4	8	3	Moulsey	3	7	2	The Giant	3	6	6
Catch-'em-Alive	5	8	3	Mountain Buck	4	7	1	Lucky Star	3	6	5
Queen of Spain	5	8	2	H by Stockwell—Crotchet	5	7	1	Battaglia	3	6	5
Blackdown	4	8	2	King George	3	7	0	Countersign	3	6	4
Blue Mantle	4	8	1	Hollyfox	3	7	0	Antoinette	3	6	3
Despair	5	8	0	Gratitude	4	7	0	Ethelred	3	6	2
Monk	a	8	0	Bayard	3	7	0	Major	3	6	1
Benjamin	5	8	0	F by Newminster—Lady Frances	4	7	0	Alabama	3	6	1
Armagnac	4	8	0	Skeffington	3	6	13	Wandering Minstrel	3	6	1
Brick	4	8	0	Bradamante	3	6	13	Cadeau	4	6	0
Fantail	4	7	13	Jessie	3	6	13	F by Voltigeur—Hersey	3	6	0
Tippler	4	7	13	Stockinger	5	6	13	Trap	4	6	0
Gladstone	4	7	11	Soumise	3	6	12	Brother to Rubini	3	5	13
Port Royal	4	7	11	Touch and Go	4	6	12	Balornock	3	5	13
Revolver	4	7	10	Newmarket	4	6	12	Olivia	3	5	11
Onesander	4	7	10	Algarsife	3	6	11	Elmsdale	3	5	10
Principal	5	7	10	Canzonette	4	6	10	Dormouse	3	5	10
Comet	4	7	10	Dr Syntax	4	6	10	Isca	3	5	7
Merry Hart	4	7	10	Harcourt	3	6	10	Quarantine	3	5	7
Welcome	5	7	10	Teneriffe	3	6	10	Marigold	4	paid	
Donnybrook	4	7	10	Cripple (late Rubens)	5	6	10	Llangollen	3	paid	
Scamander	4	7	10	Castle Hill	3	6	9	Caryophyllus	3	paid	
Summerside	4	7	9					Asteroid	6	paid	
Saccharometer	4	7	9								
Balham	6	7	9								
Leonora	5	7	8								
Cantonnade	4	7	8								

LANARK, 1864,

TUESDAY, SEPT 27.

The BURGH MEMBERS' PLATE of 50 sovs, given by James Merry, Esq., M.P., the winner of any handicap of the value of 100 sovs after the publication of the weights (September 16, at 10 a.m.) 5lb, twice, or one of the value of 200 sovs 9lb extra. Entrance, 2 sovs. One mile and a half.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Newchurch	4	9	0	Johnny Cope (h b)	a	8	0	Altro	a	7	6
Cremorne	a	8	10	Peggy Taft	a	7	12	Ostentation	3	7	1
Dick Swiveller	a	8	9	Picco	4	7	12	Stiff	3	7	1
Skipjack	5	8	6	Serf	4	7	12	Locomotive	3	6	7
Ace of Hearts	4	8	4	Miss Watson (late Bowling Green)	a	7	6	Charcoal	3	6	7
Barbara Allan	5	8	2					Hot Shot	3	6	0
Blood Royal	5	8	0								

The SILVER BELL HANDICAP of 40 sovs; the winner of any handicap of the value of 50 sovs, after the publication of the weights (September 16, at 10 a.m), 5lb, twice, or one of the value of 100 sovs, 9lb extra. The winner to have possession of the ancient silver bell, the gift of William the Lion, the founder of the meeting, for the ensuing year, under the usual conditions. Entrance, 2 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Newchurch	4	9	0	Blood Royal	5	8	0	Miss Watson (late Bowling Green	a	7	6
Cremorne	a	8	9	Reviver	4	8	0	Deerfoot	3	7	0
Betsy Copeland	4	8	3	Johnny Cope (h b)	a	8	0	Random	3	6	7
Dick Swiveller	a	8	2	Picco	4	7	12	Locomotive	3	6	7
Jack's Alive	4	8	0	Peggy Taft	a	7	10	Charcoal	3	6	7
Forest Queen	6	8	0	Serf	4	7	7	Hot Shot	3	6	0
Barbara Allan	5	8	0								
Edgar	5	8	0								

WEDNESDAY.

THE HAMILTON PLATE of 50 sovs, the winner of any race of the value of 40 sovs after the publication of the weights (Sept. 16, at 10 a.m) 5lb twice, or one of the value of 100 sovs, 9lb extra; the winner of the Burgh Members Plate to carry 5lb extra to any other penalties. Entrance, 2 sovs. One mile and a distance.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Newchurch	4	8	12	Picco	4	7	7	Peggy Taft	a	7	7
Cremorne	a	8	4	Deerfoot	3	6	4	Edgar	5	7	7
Copeland	4	7	12	Stiff	3	6	3	Serf	4	7	6
Forest Queen	6	7	8	Locomotive	3	5	12	Miss Watson, (late Bowling Green)	a	6	8
Barbara Allan	5	7	8	Random	3	5	12	Ostentation	3	6	6
Dick Swiveller	a	7	8	Charcoal	3	5	7				
Jack's Alive	4	7	7	Reviver	4	7	3				
Hot Shot	3	5	7								

The WELTER PLATE of 25 sovs, the winner of any race after the publication of the weights (Sept. 16, at 10 a.m.) 5lb; twice, 7lb; and thrice, 10lb extra. Entrance, 1 sov. One mile and a half.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Newchurch	4	12	7	Peggy Taft	a	11	4	Altro	a	10	7
Cremorne	a	11	11	Jack's Alive	4	11	2	Miss Watson (late Bowling Green)	a	10	0
Ace of Hearts	4	11	10	Barbaran Alla	5	11	2	Charcoal	3	9	2
Skipjack	5	11	8	Picco	4	11	6	Locomotive	3	9	2
Dick Swiveller	a	11	4	Aubona	a	11	0	Hot Shot	3	8	12
Blue Royal	5	11	4	Edgar	5	11	0				
Johnny Cope (h b)	a	11	4	Serf	4	11	0				

HEREFORD RACES.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28.

The CORPORATION PLATE (handicap) of 3 sovs each, 1 ft to the fund, with 20 added, for all ages. Five furlongs. To close on the 22nd of September, to Messrs. Weatherby, Mr. Johnson, or the Clerk of the Course.

The HEREFORDSHIRE STAKES of 10 sovs each, h ft, and only one if declared by noon on Sept. 20, to go to the fund, with 60 added, the gift of the County Members; the second horse to save his stake; a winner after the declaration of weights (Sept. 15, at 7 p.m.) of any race, to carry 5lb extra, if of the value of £100 or more, 10lb extra. One mile and a half. 22 subs. If the highest weight accepting be under 8st 12lb, it will be raised to that weight, and the others in proportion.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Aurelian	6	8	12	Donne Canne	5	7	3	F by Stockwell—Lady Evelyn	3	6	4
Le Marechal	4	8	2	Earl of Surrey	5	7	0	Dean Swift	3	6	3
King Cotton	4	8	0	Allow Me	4	6	10	Cervus	3	6	0
Violet	5	7	12	Pot Pourri	5	6	9	Verbena	3	5	12
Douche	4	7	12	Bedowin	5	6	9	Valencia	3	5	10
His Excellency	4	7	10	Jack o' Newbury	4	6	9	Petit Oiseau	3	5	[illegible]
Stanton	6	7	9	Norma	4	6	7				
Manchester	4	7	9	Fishmn's Dghtr	3	6	6				

THURSDAY.

The TOWN PLATE (handicap) of 3 sovs each, with 20 added by the citizens, for all ages; the winner to be sold by auction for £40, the surplus, if any, to go to the fund. Half a mile. To close and name same as the Corporation Plate.

The ARISTOCRATIC HANDICAP, of 5 sovs each, 2 ft to the fund, with 30 added. Gentlemen riders, as qualified at Warwick; jockies, 6lb extra. One mile and a half. To close, name, and weights to appear, and forfeits declared same as the Corporation Plate.

WALSALL.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29.

The INNKEEPERS' PLATE of 30 sovs, two year olds, 7st 3lb; three, 9st 3lb; four, 10st 2lb; five and upwards, 10st 5lb; m and g allowed 3lb; the winner to be sold for £100, if entered to be sold for £75, allowed 3lb, if for £50 8lb, if for £40 14lb, and if for £30 21lb; the winner to be offered by auction, and the surplus (if any) to go to the fund; any number of horses the property of the same owner may run for this race. Entrance, 2 sovs to go to the fund; three-quarters of a mile. To close and name on Tuesday, September 20th, to Mr John Sheldon (only) 35, Bell-street, Birmingham.

LUDLOW.

The CORPORATION PLATE NURSERY (handicap) of 5 sovs each, 2 ft to the fund, with a piece of plate value £50 added, for two year olds; a winner of any race after the declaration of the weights (September 15, at 10 a.m.) to carry 7lb, if of the value of £100 or more 10lb extra, or the second in such race receiving back his stake or more, 3lb extra; the second to save his stake. Five furlongs

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Chelsea	8	7	Simple Maid	6	10	Fan	6	1
Elsinore	8	7	Rosette (h b)	6	6	Sweetness	6	1
Success	8	0	Tom Thumb	6	6	C by Lord of the Isles—Mary Ramsay's dam	6	0
Jack Ketch	7	12	Little Pickle	6	4	Holkar	6	0
Arkansas	7	9	Mrs. Trigg	6	4	Lady Florence	6	0
Aline	7	6	F by Mountain Deer Rosa	6	3			
Belgrave	7	0						
Protectionist	6	12						

The OAKLEY PARK HANDICAP of 5 sovs each, 1 ft to the fund, with 25 added, for two olds and upwards; winners of any race after the declarations of the weights (Sept. 15, at 10 a.m.) 7lb if of the value of £100; or more, 10lb extra; or the second in such race receiving back his stake or more, 3lb extra; the second to save his stake. Five furlongs.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Prescription	3	9	4	Worthless	3	6	13	Gazehound	3	6	0
Cranbury	3	9	4	Orphene	3	6	10	Elsinore	2	5	12
Reindeer	6	8	10	F by Guicowar—Pretty Girl	3	6	8	Arkansas	2	5	11
Leontes	a	6	0	Lady Maud	3	6	7	Wicket	2	5	10
Batsman	4	7	8	Duchess of Kent	3	6	7	Simple Maid	2	5	8
Faith	3	7	1	Oulton Lowe	3	6	7	Rosette (h b)	2	5	8
Gipsy Girl	4	7	6	Dermot Asthore	3	6	7	Lady Florence	2	5	7
Cutaway	3	7	6	Little Kate	3	6	5	Sir Martin Bowes	2	5	7
Lapidary	5	7	4	Lady Bohun	3	6	5	Kingmaker	2	5	7
Warrior	3	7	0					Mrs. Trigg	2	5	7

The LUDLOW HANDICAP of 5 sovs each, 1 ft to the fund if declared, with 40 added; a winner after the declaration of the weights (Sept. 15, at 10 a.m.) of any race, to carry 7lb; if of the value of £100 or more, to carry 10lb extra; the second in such race, 3lb; the second to save his stake. About one mile and a half.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Aurelian	6	9	1	Earl of Surrey	5	7	1	Fisherman's Daughter	3	6	7
Wynnstay	6	8	7	Allow Me	4	6	12	Danaus	3	5	12
Violet	5	8	2	Rhœbus	6	6	12	Antonia	3	5	10
Erin-go-Bragh	4	7	9	Jack o' Newbury	4	6	10	Omen	3	5	7
Overture	4	7	8	Pot Pourri	5	6	9	Macbeth	3	5	7
Stanten	6	7	5	South Australian	a	6	9	Lemon Drop	2	5	7
Donne Canne	5	7	4	Garibaldi	5	6	8				
Vivandiere	6	7	2	Tyke	3	6	6				

The STEWARDS' CUP (handicap) of 5 sovs each, 1ft to the fund if declared, with 25 added, for three year olds and upwards; a winner of any race after the declaration of the weights (September 15, at 10 a.m.) to carry 7lb, if of the value of 100 sovs or more, 10lb extra, or the second in such race receiving back his stake or more, 3lb extra; horses having started in the Corporation Plate without being placed allowed 3lb; the second to save his stake. About one mile.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Wynnstay	6	8	12	Garibaldi	5	7	0	Worthless	3	6	10
Golden Drop	4	7	12	Quicksand	4	6	13	F. by Guicowar—Pretty Girl	3	6	8
Leontes		7	8	Dean Swift	3	6	13	Dovedale	3	6	7
Col Crockett	a 6	7	8	Orphene	3	6	11	Oulton Lowe	3	6	5
Batsman	4	7	2	Cutaway	3	6	11	Duchess of Kent	3	6	4
Fisherman's Daughter	3	7	1	Dermot Asthore	3	6	11	Omen	3	6	2
Surbiton	5	7	0	Rattler	3	6	11	Antonia	3	6	2
Verbena	3	7	0	Kitty	6	6	10	Macbeth	3	6	2
Peru	5	6	1	Lady Maud	3	6	10				

The WESTERN HANDICAP of 5 sovs each, 1 ft to the fund if declared, with 40 added, for three year olds and upwards; a winner of any race after the declaration of the weights (Sept. 15th, at 10 a.m.) to carry 7lb, if of 100 sovs, 10lb extra, the second in such race 3lb extra; the second to save his stake; horses having started in the Stewards' Cup, or the Ludlow Handicap, without being placed, allowed 3lb. About one mile and a quarter.

	age	st	lb		age	st	lb		age	st	lb
Aurelian	6	9	0	Rhœbus	6	6	13	Tyke	3	6	6
Wynnstay	6	8	6	Jack o'Newbury	4	6	10	Dean Swift	3	6	5
Violet	5	8	0	Garibaldi	5	6	10	Rattler	3	6	5
Erin-go-Bragh	4	7	12	South Australian	a	6	10	Quicksand	4	6	4
Overture	4	7	10	Allow Me	4	6	10	Verbena	3	6	4
Golden Drop	4	7	7	Peru	5	6	8	Cutaway	3	6	3
Stanton	6	7	4	Surbiton	5	6	8	Oulton Lowe	3	5	12
Donne Canne	5	7	4	Pot Pourri	5	6	7	Macbeth	3	5	11
Colonel Crockett	6	7	0	Fisherman's Daughter	3	6	6	Omen	3	5	7
Vivandiere	6	7	0					Lemon Drop	3	5	7

THE KENT AND SURREY FANCY RABBIT SOCIETY.

THE summer show, being the tenth half yearly sessions of this justly celebrated and flourishing society, was held at Mr. Garnish's, Rosemary Branch Assembly Rooms, Peckham, on Monday, Sept. 12th, 1864, Mr. R. B. Newson in the chair, faced by Mr. Cullingford, deputy-chairman. The chairman opened the business of the evening in a very eloquent speech, and after dwelling on the humanising tendency of the pursuit which bound them all in the ties of friendly rivalry, social communion, brotherly benevolence, and gentlemanly feeling, proceeded to lay before the meeting a statement of the various prizes which had been awarded by the judges. The first prize was obtained by Mr. Lock, the most celebrated breeder of yellow and white rabbits, he produced on this occasion the most extraordinary rabbit that has ever been exhibited at any show, measuring the enormous length of 22⅝ inches and 5½ inches in width, without regard to symmetry and beauty which were in equal proportions. Judges: Messrs. Lock, Ward, and Emmitt. Assistants: Messrs Pace and Brett. There was a large attendance of visitors, thus bearing testimony to the increasing attractiveness of the exhibition of this elegant, harmless, and interesting fancy, as well as the popularity of the society. The Chairman, Deputy-chairman, Secretary, Judges, and other Clubs were drunk, and ably responded too. The company separated evidently delighted with the whole proceedings. The following rabbits were then called for:—

FOR LENGTH OF EAR.

Prize.	Name.	Colour.	Length.	Width.	Age. Months.	Age. Days.	Weight
1	Mr. Lock's	fawn buck	22⅝	5½	6	11	
2	„ Lock's	yellow and white doe	21¾	4¾	6	11	
3 tie	„ Brett's	black and white doe	20¾	5¼	5	26	
3 tie	„ Hiett's	„ „ „	20¼	5	4	5	
	ALL PROPERTIES.						
4	„ Jerry's	black and white doe	19¾	4¾	7	11	
5	„ Pace's	yellow and white doe	19¾	4¾	2	17	
6	„ Brett's	tortoiseshell doe	20¾	5¼	5	26	
7	„ Hiett's	blue and white doe	20¼	4¾	4	5	
8 tie	„ Pace's	grey and white buck	20	4¾	3	15	
8 tie	„ Stedman's	„ „ „	19½	4¾	7	27	
9 tie	„ Cullingford's	blue buck	20	4¾	6	22	
9 tie	„ Emmett's	black buck	18½	4¾	3	8	
	WEIGHT.						
10	„ Jerry's	blue and white buck	18¾	4¼	7	11	[illegible]

[For want of space this report was obliged to stand over from last week.]

THE RING.

THE THOUSAND POUND MATCH BETWEEN JEM MACE AND JOE COBURN.

"The game—the great game is beginning!"—Anon.

"Old Time is still a-flying," as an ancient rosy ditty hath it, and each recurring day the curtain of futurity is unveiled with bright, gladsome tidings to some by the self-same veto that dooms another to dismay and disappointment. The period is now near at hand which is to define, by manly and honourable wager of battle, the superior physical abilities of these two celebrated gladiators, and, of a verity, we may add, with the multitude, that it is a matter of little moment whether this forthcoming encounter is to be estimated or not in the character or denomination of an International match; that it is one of vast interest there can be very little doubt, and in the pugilistic circles of the Old and the New World again arises the *vexatia questio* as to whether the animal *physique* and muscular developement of a Milesian-acclimatized American is of that Herculean or Titanic power that can bid defiance to the brawny arm and unparalleled muscle which, from the dawning days when earth was young and Adam delved, and Eve span, has been reproduced and transmitted on our soil as the gem and perfection of manhood—the unmistakeable thews and sinews of a Briton. It is a Heenan and Sayers controversy over and over again; and it is, as we often reiterated, but of a bare scintilla of import to the myriad of either English or American "sports." Before long we try the issue—let us trust for the sake of national character in a thoroughly impartial manner; and so steer widely clear, with upright marinership, of the rocks, and shoals, and misgivings, mysteries, and misfortune attending the battle of Wadhurst between the stalwart heroes of Limehouse (Tom King) and J. C. Heenan, the now disabled and enfeebled Benicia Boy. According to the tenor of the articles they have to fight in Ireland—a stipulation insisted upon by Coburn before he would complete a match with a Saxon pug on this side of the Atlantic. There are many doubts as to whether the land of Erin will not be found as unsafe to bring off a trial of athletic skill and science as in St. James's Park, or the picturesque mountain lawn of Balmoral. Persuasion, it may be recollected, was tried by discreet and experienced counsellors, when the Americanised contracting parties reached Albion's Isle before the agreement was autographed. But Coburn, like Shakespeare's Shylock, would persist in his pound of flesh, and so, disappointed of the belt, and for the sake of another opportunity of showing his indomitable gameness and science in fisticuffs, the Jockey of Norfolk bent to the stream for the honour and glory of the Old Country, wherein he has so becomingly signalised himself in our presence in many previous noted passage of arms. The match fairly on, the requisite circulating medium was handed with prompt regularity to the final stakeholder, and both hopeful representatives of the noble art of self-defence were despatched into active training. Mace has taken up his final quarters at George Martin's, The Royal Oak Park, Manchester. He is doing plenty of work, is in splendid condition, and books the coming tournay as a certainty. His old adjunct—Alf. Milner—is invariably at his elbow, and awaits with confident composure the issue of the trial by battle of the Fourth of October.

From many private quarters we learn that Coburn is rich in health and condition, and fit to fight for a kingdom. His whereabouts may be gathered from even this one-sided and uncourteous atom of *cacoethes scribendi*, extracted from the *Star* of the 10th inst. It will be seen, too, that, the creature being at his dirty work again to decry the manly sport of a free people, his premises and inferences may be valued, after the manner in which civilised nations estimate the cut-throat Yankees' greenbacks, as *nil*. Here are the correspondent's own words:—

"'Coming events cast their shadows before them,' and the brutalising prize-fight, it would appear, is no exception to the rule. On some spot in this green isle, on some day quickly approaching, we are promised by the recognised organs of the scientific 'P.R.' a grand 'mill,' with all the essential and elegant accessions of 'thuds'—'fizzers'—'a rum'un on the sneezer'—'a sinister mauley'—'his dexter fin'—'the knowledge-box'—'the upper-cut'—'the left look-out,' and the numerous epithets and technicalities by which 'science' seeks to disguise its brutality. The Irish-American champion, Joe Coburn, is amongst, us, training for the 'event.' On Monday he was trotted out by his trainers, Cusack and Mackey, at the fair of Charleville. We are told by a Limerick paper, whose name, from friendly considerations, I will withhold, that he was 'greeted most rapturously by the people of Charleville, who all wished him success' 'Joe,' the same authority sympathisingly remarks, 'considering the strict training, looks admirably;' and again, being now 'reduced to fighting weight,' the 'immense muscles of the man are seen,' and the very sight—delectable and delicate thought!—inspires his friends with confidence as to the result. In these sinews and from his thews the initiated can recognise any amount of 'cochineal, or purple, or claret' flowing, and any number of 'cross buttocks' and 'back locks.' Mace is in fact already a vanquished man. The 4th of October is, I understand, the day fixed for this tourney, in which all resources of 'hit, stop, and get away' will, no doubt, be admirably developed, to the great delight and demoralisation of thousands who call themselves human beings, and who would consider themselves grossly libelled were I to write them down brutes!"

It ought in justice to Coburn to state that ever since he has been seeking the four-wreathed shamrock since re-visiting the emerald green slopes of his fatherland, he has won golden opinions from all the boys of St. Patrick (and the Sheelahs to boot) from the Blarney Stone to the Bog of Allan, and one end of the friendly shire of Limerick to the other. The last letter from our private commissioner across St. George's Channel described him, indeed, as Wordsworth does in his "Excursion,"

"A man he seems of *cheerful yesterdays*
And confident to-morrows."

With mutual respect and good will to both antagonistic rivals for a rich pecuniary stake, we long only for fair play, and that the best man of the twain will receive the handsome thousand welcome to his exchequer.

On Tuesday evening we attended Harry Brunton's, the City Music Hall, Beech-street, Barbican, on the occasion of the final deposit of the contracting parties. As might naturally be expected, neither Josephus or Jeames "put in an appearance," as the lawyers say, so that it was all dumb show as to posting the Corlanders, for the recognised backers of the heroes—Tom Sayers's Green Dragon Harry and the Ould Nat, who shelters himself under the famed St. Martin's lane Mitre — laughingly assured the select company present that they still had a sufficient balance at their bankers to complete the stakes in fitting time with the final stakeholder; and so the mere formal proceeding of posting the coin, according to Anglicised version, or putting up the stakes, as Brother Jonathan would say, was "tabooed for the nonce." Amongst the gentlemen present we were exceedingly glad to notice Mr. Edwin James, the talented correspondent of *The New York Clipper*, and the retaining of his services must show very forcibly the advanced *status* which *The Clipper* has of late years attained amongst the sports of the States. Harry Brunton offered £1,400 to £800 on Mace, or any part of Bank of England's in proportion, which met with an immediate rejoinder from Nat Langham, acting for Coburn, that nothing less than £3,000 to £1,000, £300 to £100, or £30 to £10 could be accepted. As Tennyson says in Locksley Hall—"Let the world spin for ever, down the ringing grooves of time," there will always exist a diversity of opinion in all things. The men were officially reported as in the highest healthful guise of condition, and we hope they will do their devoirs in the ring with the chivalrous conduct of a Bayard or a Crichton. The evening was enlightened by some happy warbling from Mr. Harry Hicks, and Mr. J. Smith, the latter humorous singer being from Mr. A. Beard's, Greyhound, Milton-street, City.

GAME AND DETERMINED MILL IN THE HOME CIRCUIT BETWEEN YOUNG NAPPER AND JEM DOVE.

The long-pending contest between these popular young boxers was brought on for discussion in the metropolitan division on Tuesday last, in the presence of a very large bevy of spectators. With regard to the antecedents of the combatants, we may thus advert to them: Ned Bilborough, better known among the fistic fraternity as "Napper," was born in Ratcliffe parish on the 31st of July, 1845, and was brought up as a cabinet-maker. He was originally ushered into the ring under the soubriquet of George Crockett's Novice, and we may state at the outset that he never disgraced his tutorage. He first met Jack Hartley, June 17, 1863, for £20, and polished him off in a most prominent style in 61min., thirty-one rounds being noted. The *neophyte* took every care of himself, and conducted himself so decently that he speedily found friends to back him against Bob Furze. After a very game fight, for £25 a side, down the river, on the 19th of the succeeding October, the backers of the men took counsel together, and, it being nearly dark, consented to a draw. The battle was of a very spirited character, and occupied three hours and sixteen minutes, during which period 109 rounds were fought. His stamina being now fairly tested, he had to look further afield for his next customer, who turned out to be Young Hicken, of Wolverhampton—a lad brought forward under the auspices of Joe Goss. Their tussle took place on the 5th of April last, lasted three hours less 20 minutes—eighty-seven rounds—when victory declared itself in favour of Napper. Passing through the summer quietly he once more turned his thoughts to impulsive deeds, and articles were duly signed for him to meet Jem Dove in the home circuit on Tuesday last. He was trained in the black country under Jack Lead. Every effort was made to have him arrested, and the police succeeded in apprehending him, and took him to Marylebone Police-court on Monday. His backers, however, kindly secured his discharge, and he was in good time for scaling at the appointed hour at Bos Tyler's, The Founder's Arms, Osborne-street, Whitechapel. The specified weight named in the agreement was for the men to fight at 8st 10lb. On passing the scale, he pulled down 8st 9lb, and declared that he was determined not to be disappointed, and intended to fight if he possibly could. This confidence was by no means ill-timed, and raised him considerably in the estimation of all parties. He looked as hard as the "locks, bolts, and bars" made at the place where he trained at, and held a *levee* on the eve of the battle at Mr. Bryant's, The Princess of Wales, North-street, Whitechapel.

James Dove is of Stepney origin, having first seen the light in the year 1841. His trial battle was with young Stewart, a Scotch boxer, on the 30th of Sept., 1862, but after various interruptions on the part of the powers that be, it was deemed advisable to make a draw of it. His next match was with Jem Gollagher, on the 28th of July, 1863. Dove fought at catch-weight, and Gollagher was restricted to 8st 7lb. The latter succeeded in achieving a victory after fighting upwards of four hours. He was backed from Bos Tyler's, and trained at St. Margaret's, Hertfordshire, under the care of Johnny Walker, of Bristol. His height is 5ft 5in—one inch and a half under the altitude of his opponent.

At the weighing there was nothing going on in the shape of speculation. It should be mentioned that the money staked by Napper was £52 10s to half a century from the exchequer of Master Dove. The colours of the latter pugilist were white ground, scarlet spots, and border. Those of Napper, a white kerchief, with mauve spots and border.

In order to secure ground where there was a reasonable belief that no interruption could ensue, a steamer was chartered at one of our leading piers, and with a good freight on board all got fairly under weigh at an early hour in the morning. The propriety of discovering new land for conquest was signally manifest in our passage down the river. Whole studs of the blue coats were plainly perceptible at many old spots of fighting; and when at length, after a long voyage, the vessel arrived at the Thames Haven, the ropes and stakes were pitched in the neighbourhood where King and Mace fought. Napper, who, on board the boat, had been backed several times at 7 to 4, was the first to throw his cap into the arena, and was loudly cheered. Dove speedily followed, and likewise received a welcome ovation from his numerous partisans. We purposely omit all mention of the names of the seconders. Dove won the toss for choice of corners. Napper continued a firm favourite in the betting up to the last moment—3 to 1 being the laying price, with an exceedingly slack number of takers. Exactly at half-past one o'clock, the competitors stood up for

THE FIGHT.

Round 1—On stripping to the buff it became self-evident that Napper possessed an insurmountable advantage. Height, youth, and length of reach all told in his favour, and his dashing style of action while sparring for an opening, was, like his condition, exceedingly gallant and good. Dove looked in good trim, and if he entertained any misgivings that he was fighting an up-hill game, his countenance never betrayed one iota of timidity. He turned his attention studiously to the tactics of his adversary, and was as confident in his bearing as it was possible for him to be. He first tried his left, but the measure was incorrect, and Napper escaped the intended visitation. They speedily got together again, and then Napper feinted to no purpose. After another misfire or two, actual warfare was commenced by the favourite planting his left digits heavily on the body. He followed this up by likewise countering with the left on the mark, while the other did the same on the nasal promontory. Dove tried for the proboscis a second time with due effect and then they rushed to in-fighting, which was slightly in favour of Dove, but who however, was not quick enough to land a well-intentioned upper-cut with his right mawley. Dove's partizans were in ecstacies at his taking the lead, and when he dosed his man once more on the smelling bottle, they were uproarious with delight. Napper pulled himself together, and following up his opponent with determination, shot out his left on the ribs, direct from the shoulder, and sent Dove clean off his pedals to mother earth. "First knock-down blow" for Napper, who smiled defiantly at the striking *coup* he had accomplished in retaliation for the liberties that Jemmy had taken with his nasal organ.

Round 2—Dove up first to time, and delivered on the knowledge-box, the forehead flushed immediately. Both then countered with the left, Napper reaching fairly home with the dexter five on the victualling department, while the blow of Dove fell on the other's lower jaw. Napper feinted with the left, and tried to put on the double; but Dove was not to be had so quietly, and had evidently made up his mind to be a little vicious. Acting on the advice of his mentor, he got his leg well inside, and, with the rapidity of lightning, broke right through Ned's guard, landing the left stingingly on the snout. The effect of this was to set the crimson stream flowing. "First blood" for Dove. Jem kept boring in, and dropped a stunning hit on Napper's left peeper. The latter responded by two clenchers on the ribs and then they closed, both being whirled over side by side with no advantage to either

Round 3—Napper's countenance was much flushed, and there was a sharp awkward cut along the ridge of his nose, from which the carmine was still trickling. He instantly commenced operations by shooting in one on the body, and by lowering his head, escaped a reply. Both countered on the caput, as usual with the left, with much severity and purpose. Dove retreated a little towards his own corner, but gallantly returned, and dashing in his left duke on the smelling bottle, again unloosed the red stream of life. They continued fighting very quick, and the physiognomy of both lads was fast getting much altered. The counter hitting on both face and chest was exceedingly lively; and up to this point it was quite evident that Jack was as good as his master. After standing the over very calmly with another nose-ender, which kept the cork drawn, Napper rushed in to in-fighting; and bored his man to the ropes, when Dove got down.

Round 4—The countenances of both were much puffed and exhibited early strong signs of swelling. Dove tried his left at the head-piece, but the other was on the alert, and avoided the intended favour. Ned received the office not to leave his adversary, and bustled in and belted away with considerable energy with both hands. Dove at length was compelled to beat a retreat from such a vigorous onslaught, but Ned followed him up, and twirled his man backwards, amidst hearty cheers.

Round 5—There was the same quick mode of procedure, the lads pasting away with a stern will to accomplish a winning end. Dove dashed in with his left, and twice visited Napper's knowledge box, and then retreated on one side to avoid any return. Napper showed his old tactics, for he bored in utterly regardless of danger, and in the scuffle which followed, Dove accidentally slipped on his knees.

Round 6 was exactly of a similar character to the previous one, except that both fell together at the close.

Round 7—Napper had again the office never to leave bustling his adversary, and gallantly kept persevering to achieve this important object. Lots of feinting and sparring to the ropes, when both fell, amidst a very angry altercation on both sides.

Round 8—Dove kept performing so well that his admirers yet considered he stood a most favourable chance of eventual success. He once more administered a clinker on the snorter, and drew lots of claret, which trickled freely down Napper's chest. [One of Dove's backers here took 2 to 1.] Ned forced the fighting, and broke forcibly in on the jowl with a stinging severity. Dove's pluck was shown by his readily embracing every possible opportunity of shooting in one whenever there was the least chance; indeed, he further delighted his pals by inflicting a terrific blow with the right on the ivories. Napper recoiled, and it was certainly a regular floorer in favour of the adventurous Jemmy.

Round 9—Very short, for the men had no sooner scratched than Napper rushed in for in-fighting, and both fell side by side.

Round 10—Nothing but business appeared to be meant on either side, as both scratched as freely and gamely as any gone champion of the ring, and relaxed nothing in exertions to please their friends. Dove repeatedly landed his left on the head of his opponent, and his left hand exhibited an extremely puffy appearance in consequence. Many cried out that it was "gone," or in fistic parlance, that he was incapable of further using it. In the end Dove was down.

Round 11—Dove visited the smelling bottle with telling effect, as the cochineal came down in abundance. Napper persistently fought for the ribs and body, in order to reduce the stamina of his adversary, and frequently made Jem quake and bend by the serious drivers that he made when in close quarters.

Round 12—In this round Napper took a strong lead, and countered twice very heavily on the nob, making Jem's daylights sparkle again. Dove retreated to his corner, but was speedily followed by Ned, who received strict orders to be busy, as there was fast waning strength on the other side. At the close Napper landed on the breast and left daylight, and Dove fell pretty well over-spent in exertions in his own corner.

Round 13—Dove tried to spar for wind, and seemed most anxious not to be bustled at all. His physical condition warranted us in believing that in this round there was a great turning point in the great game playing. He began to fight more upon the defensive, and was shorn of much of that devilment that was noticeable early in the fight. He was well encouraged by his friends, and despite his laxity of demeanour yet strove strenuously when the other got him into an awkward fix. This round, after some severe exchanges, was finished by the administration of a clipping right-handed shot on Dove's cheek, which floored Jemmy like a shot from a gun.

Rounds 14 and 15—Both these bouts were in favour of Napper, who, not being denied, would get on, whenever he could with safety measure Dove's now shifty movements. Jem was clearly trying to get his second wind, and whenever he could slip out of danger he now invariably did so. Napper was obliged to do the work, and gave his opponent pepper every time he could get within due range of the enemy. Dove down.

Round 16—There was a mouse on Napper's left eye, a small swelling above, and his nose was puffed and cut. As regards the vision of Dove, it was gradually and surely departing, and from this cause he missed many well-intentioned blows, which were out of range and measure. To add to his discomfiture, the left hand was becoming too painful for him to attempt to use it much more, exposing the fact that no damage could be done by it. This caused a reaction with Napper, whose efforts now became more prominent and determined than ever. He bored his man first to one corner and then another, until Dove dropped in an almost thorough state of bodily prostration.

Round 17—Short and sweet. Dove came wearily to the scratch, when after mutual exchanges to pile up the agony a little in addition, both tried the clutch and struggled for the throw. Napper proved the strongest little gladiator of the two, and sent Jem clean over on to the greensward.

Round 18—Both countered prettily, Dove on the nasal organ and Jem on the neck. They then closed, and fibbed away merrily for a moment or two, and broke ground. After a renewal of the attack, Napper, stepping fiercely with it, gave his opponent a regular rib-roaster with the right duke, and drove Dove back to his own corner, where he fell to earth. The excitement now seemed to become greater and greater, and the ring presented an unwonted scene of confusion, in which the Hobbie Noble maxim of might against right frequently predominated.

Round 19—Dove advanced to the scratch, evidently weak, and seemed to entertain an inward suspicion that there was something very precarious in his position. Whenever he could extricate himself from difficulties he gladly did so, but yet he bore up in a very gallant manner, considering the adverse circumstances under which he was labouring.

Round 20—This was a remarkably brief bout, for they had no sooner lifted up their mawleys than Napper came out with his favourite rush, and, getting home on the jaw, Dove fell heavily to the earth—this stinging thud being virtually speaking the fatal blow to all Dove's hopes of success. On being carried to his corner, his head drooped, and it was any odds against him.

REMARKS.

Twenty-nine rounds were fought altogether, occupying exactly fifty minutes, when Dove was in such an utterly helpless condition that it was deemed significant folly to allow of his continuing the contest. His seconds, therefore, very properly gave in for him, and Napper was vociferously hailed as the winner. We never saw Dove fight better, for at one period of the fight he had manifestly a superior chance of bringing the encounter to a favourable issue. The fact of his continuously using his left at the head of Napper, however, brought on utter disablemenent, and was the main cause of an unwilling but certainly not inglorious defeat. It is impossible not to reconcile to ourselves that Napper evinced marked improvement on his old form, and clearly corroborated the favourable opinion of him we expressed on the successful termination of his battle with Hicken, of Wolverhampton. That the present victory was unexpected it cannot be said, as it was the general belief of all that Napper's previous performances would make him, as they did, a rattling favourite, and bring forth a successful suit. A liberal collection was made by the winning man on behalf of poor Dove, who was much punished. We trust his friends will give him a good benefit.

SECOND FIGHT FOR TWENTY SOVS BETWEEN YOUNG WILLIAMS AND MURRAY.

So secure was the vantage ground from police interruption—thanks to the high tariff, which stopped the outsiders, and the length of the voyage—that it was found fully practicable to bring off the second encounter, projected between two novices, at catch-weight, for the above-mentioned sum. We call them mere novices from the fact that they have never before been within the roped arena for professional *devoir*; and their names can only be mentioned in connection with a few rough and tumble encounters with some after their own unpractised and inexperienced category. Johnny Williams is, however, a promising denizen of Bristol, of 24 years old, while his opponent comes from the shores of the Mersey. The latter had both the advantage of weight, height, and age. They are both shipmates at Millwall, and the present match arose entirely out of a quarrel. Williams was made the favourite at 5 and 6 to 4; but little money was speculated. The fight was noted only for the give and take principle in which it was borne out from the Alpha to the Omega of the proceedings. Nevertheless, it must be mentioned that Williams had a decided lead throughout, and won with remarkable ease in 29min, during which time 17 rounds were fought. The winner had scarcely a mark when he left off, and has now received the battle money.

Merry Mill at King's Lynn.—One of the most game and determined mills witnessed in Norfolk took place on Monday, about three miles from Lynn, between Young Mace (cousin of Jem Mace, the champion) and Lewis Gray, a gipsy, for £5 a side. The fight was witnessed by about a couple of hundred lovers of the P.R., amongst whom the dark, swarthy skins of many betokened their connection with the gipsy tribe. Gray was in fine fettle, but Mace was not in such good condition as he ought to have been. Gray's "little game" was to force the fighting, but he was met with Mace's left in the most determined manner on almost every occasion. After fighting 17 rounds, in 38 min, in the last of which Mace knocked his antagonist to earth with a cross-counter with his right, Gray's second threw up the sponge, and Mace was hailed the victor. Mace was seconded by Holmes and Burch, of Norwich, and Gray by his brother and another gipsy.

Tom Bate and Young Tom Lane, of Birmingham.—The 8st 8lb match between these Midland bruisers is going on satisfactorily. £3 a side is now posted with T. Cooper, of the Market-hall Tavern, who is named as final stakeholder. They contend within thirty miles of home, on Tuesday, November 1st. Bates is staying at Mrs. Roberts', as above, where he will be glad to see his friends.

Young Tom Lane and Lodum, of Walsall.—This match is off by mutual consent.

Rooter and Sam Harris, of Birmingham.—This boxing match is also off, which was fixed for settlement in the same ring as Humpage and Bagots' tournay.

Bagot and Humpage.—The match between these Midland district men is going on. Bagot is in training under Joe Goss, in the neighbourhood of the Lock Metropolis, and reported well.

Patsey McKew, of Birmingham, will accept Joe Roe's challenge to fight any 8st 2lb Novice for £10 a side, if Roe will give his correct whereabouts, as Patsy has been unable to find the "Anchor" named in Roe's challenge. Patsey can be heard of at Martin's, Golden Lion, Deritend.

Dan Roberts, of the Salmon Tavern, Severn-street, takes this opportunity of informing his friends and the public that his room is now open for sparring on Monday and Saturday evenings, conducted by Dan in person, ably assisted.

Jem Coyne, of Wolverhampton, takes a sparring benefit at Mr. Cox's, Cottage Spring, Wednesbury, on Monday night, when he will have a host of boxing talent to his assistance. Coyne will wind up with his old opponent, and now fast friend, Harry Allen, of Birmingham. Coyne would be happy to hear definitely from Baldock.

Sweeney and Burns.—Mr. George Hardy, Rising Sun, Swan-street, Manchester, has received all the money, Sweeney staking £12 to £10, for the catch-weight engagement between Pat Sweeney and Ned Burns, which comes off next Wednesday, the 28th inst. Both men are in tip-top condition, and a rattling mill is confidently expected. The *locale* can be ascertained at Mr. Hardy's, as above; Mr. John Hartley's, Rifleman, Munday-street, Long Millgate; Mr. Andrew Cavanagh's, Odd Fellow's Arms, Rochdale-road, Manchester; or Bill Brown's, Railway Inn, Greengate, Salford. We wish both men well on the day, and may the best man win.

Ingram and Evans.—Young Ingram, formerly of London, but now of Manchester, and Edward Evans, of Ardwick, are matched to box, at 8st 6lb, on October 26, over 20 and under 40 miles of Manchester, for £25 a side. Mr. George Hardy, mine host of the Rising Sun, Swan-street, Manchester, is appointed final stakeholder, and has received £5 each. The next deposit of £5 a side must be posted at Jonathan Greaves's, City Inn, Fairfield-street, Manchester, next Monday night between eight and ten o'clock.

Benefit to G. Hosmer (Roberts's Darkie).—On Monday last this quiet, well-behaved boxer took a complimentary benefit at Mrs. Morris Roberts's, Cup Inn Smallbrook-street, Birmingham, when there was a strong array of pugilistic talent, and, we are pleased to say, a remarkably good and satisfactory attendance; which is the more pleasing in these extraordinary benefit times, when the repetition of a regular routine of sparring not unfrequently palls on the taste, and produces empty rooms. Amongst the celebrities present, Nobby Hall and Custard, a new and rising performer, had a very pretty and scientific bout, as did also Mickey Gannon and Tim Parker, another blooming aspirant for pugilistic fame. Cutler and Wilson (the Mouse) likewise crossed hands and had a somewhat sanguinary battle. Several others followed, and the grand wind-up between Darkie, who is one of the most resolute and unflinching boxers of the present day, and Tom Bate (now matched with Young Tom Lane) elicited one continued round of applause. The whole proceedings gave the liveliest satisfaction.

Dick Johnson took a sparring benefit at the Rainbow Inn, Chapel-street Salford, last Tuesday evening, and was well supported. The wind up was between the *Beneficiaire* and Alec Stewart.

Bill Ferguson announces his intention to open this (Saturday) evening a room at Mr. James Alker's, 68, King-street, Graden-lane, Salford, and which will continue open every Saturday and Monday evenings for public sparring. Bill himself will be in attendance any time to give private lessons. We wish Ferguson every success.

Crockett and Tyler.—These men have forwarded their weekly contributions.

Mr. Edwin James, whose New York correspondence to the columns of the News, some time ago, was an interesting feature of this journal, and who visited London a few years ago, has arrived in London, having left New York in the steamship Etna, September 3, which stopped at Queenstown on the 15th inst. Mr James, is special correspondent of the *New York Clipper*, the recognised and oldest sporting journal in America, and will be the only reporter present from the States at the sensation mill between Jem Mace and the Irish American boxer, Joe Coburn. On the evening of the 2nd inst., at the sporting drum kept by Ned Wilson, Mr. James was presented with a costly gold watch and chain, of the value of 500 dols. The watch bears the following inscription:—"Ned James, from his friends in New York, 1864."

Captain James Saunders, Joe Coburn's uncle, was to have left New York in the steamship Edinburgh, on the 10th of September, to witness the forthcoming sensation mill between Coburn and Mace.

GREAT MATCH AT PUTNEY BETWEEN MESSRS. CHARLES BUSH AND DREWITT, AND TOM KING AND RANDOLF COOKE, OF OXFORD.

This important match, for a champagne supper, was contested on the Thames—from Hammersmith to Putney on Thursday—the former gentlemen rowing double-sculls, and the last-named couple a pair of oars. The betting was 6 to 4 on Tom King and partner, who is matched to row May on the 1st of November. He and companion won the toss for choice of stations, and chose the Middlesex side. They kept moderately well together until opposite Finch's, when Messrs. Bush and Drewitt came right away, and won by a clear boats' length.

Quoits.—W. M'Gregor (Champion) of South Shields, in reply to the challenge given by R. Walkinshaw, of Carlops, says he will play Wilkinshaw or any other man in Scotland 21 yds, for £25 or £50 a side, quoits not exceed 8in in diameter, pins to be level with the clay, and nearest to the top to count; all clay cleared at measurement, 61 shots up, stiff sticking clay ends. M'Gregor will give £5 for expenses for the match to come off in Hull five weeks from the first deposit. If this suits Walkinshaw, by addressing a letter to M'Gregor, at Mr. B. Eyre's, Jolly Sailor, Hull, M'Gregor will make the match.

London Dog Show Company.—A committee meeting was held at Jemmy Shaw's, Wrekin Tavern, Broad-court, Drury-lane, on Tuesday evening, when rules and regulations were officially passed for the future government of the society, which if properly conducted under respectable and responsible auspices, is likely to attain the character of an important canine institution.

RICHARD GARDENER, THE CHAMPION 500 YARDS SWIMMER.

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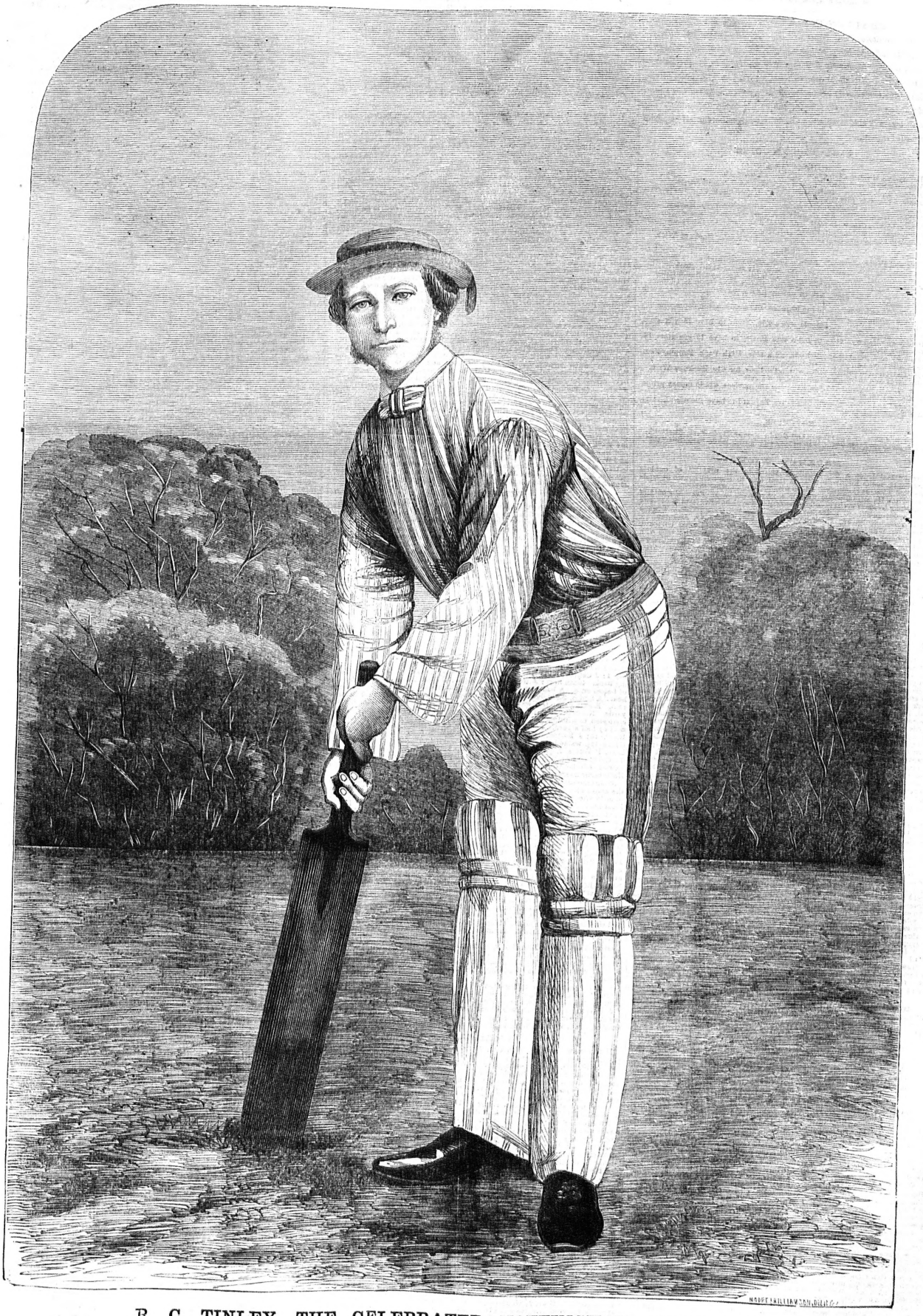

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MATCHES TO COME.

SEPTEMBER.

24.—Belton and Hughes—140 yds, £5 a side; four o'clock.
24.—Brooke and Russell—100 yds, £5 a side, Victoria Grounds, Leeds.
24.—Boitlin and Woodward—to walk a mile, Woodward to have 30 yds start inside, £10 a side, City Grounds, Manchester.
26.—Armitage and Whittaker—120 yds £25 a side, St George's, Honley.
26.—Grimshaw and Slater—150 yds, £10 a side, St. Thomas's, Stanningley.
26.—Clarke and Harrison—to walk five miles, £10 a side, Clarke to have one minute and a quarter start, Prince of Wales, Row.
26.—Brighton and Richards—to run three miles, £05 a side, Hackney Wick.

OCTOBER.

1.—Hay and Penney—300 yds, £25 a side St. George's, Honley.
1.—Ingham, Hampson, and Parker, one mile, £10 each; four o'clock.
1.—Brownfoot and Worth—140 yds, £20 a side, St. Thomas's, Stanningley.
1, 8.—Handicap 130 yds, £5 in money prizes, Higginshaw Grounds, Oldham.
1.—Handicap 10 mile race, £20 in money prizes, Pavilion Gardens, North Woolwich
3.—T. Roberts and Smalley—to run 20 miles, £10 a side, Aston Cross, Smalley to have two minutes start
8.—Greenhalgh and Knott—440 yds, £25 a side, Knott to have 15 yds start, City Grounds, Manchester.
10. Healey and Nearey—440 yds, £25 a side, Healey to have 12 yds start, St. George's, Honley.
10.—Dainty and Pemberton—100 yds, £5 a side, High Park, Fenton, Pemberton to have two yards start inside.
10.—H. Andrews—to run 10½ miles within the hour, for £10, Hackney Wick.
15.—Richards and Boothroyd—one mile, £15 a side.
31, Nov. 1. All England 185 yds handicap for novices, £15 in money prizes, Hyde Park, Sheffield.
31.—Barnard and Miles—to walk four miles, Barnard to have one minute start, £50 a side, Brompton.

NOVEMBER.

7.—One mile race for a silver cup and £20 in money, Hyde Park, Sheffield.
28.—Handicap race, 125 yds, £20 in money and a belt, Hyde Park, Sheffield.

HACKNEY WICK.

MONDAY last being a day peculiarly suited to the practice of outdoor amusements, some hundreds wended their way to the well-known grounds of the Red Lion, at Hackney Wick to witness the following events:—

HALF-MILE HANDICAP.—This was for a prize given by W. Price, the M.C. of this sporting rendezvous. Those who had entered were handicapped to contend in the under-mentioned order;—First heat—Hudson from scratch, Tewson 25 yds start, Smith 30, Yates 30, Cole 35, Shrewsbury 40, German 70, Clayton 80, Williams 80, Naughten 30. Clayton, who soon parted company with Williams, came away with the lead, and after a well-contested race with Naughten, went in a winner. Second heat—G. Davis 5 yds start, Sutton 20, Small 30, Barnes 40, Coe 40, Reed 45, Warrington 70, Harris 80, Ray 80. After the first "quarter" Small and Barnes closed up the gap between them and the leading men, and after a good race to the finish Small passed the goal a rattling winner. Barnes, as second, was the only other pedestrian who ran the distance out. Final heat—According to the terms of the handicap the second man of each heat had to run off in the final heat with the winner; therefore, Williams 80 yds start Coe 40, Naughten 30, Small 30, being the four best men, Small, who had worked his way to the fore, went in a splendid winner; Williams finishing second.

CONCLUDING HEATS OF 440 YDS HANDICAP.—This was for a handsome silver cup and money prizes, given by Mr. Clarke, host of the Goldsmith's Arms, Clerkenwell. The preliminary heats had been decided on the preceding Monday, and, according to the terms of the handicap, the winners on that occasion had to-day again to be brought into the field, and were drawn to contend thus:—First heat—C. Thompson, of Billingsgate, 26 yds start; W. Davis, of Islington, 30; C. Mills, of Bethnal-green, 40. A good race from end to end. Davis the winner by a yard; Thompson second. Second heat—W. Riley, 15 yds start; W. Poole, of Millwall, 33; J. Book, 45. Before half the men came to the mark there was a protest entered against Poole. As they reached on to the goal, Poole, despite the efforts of Book, closed on his opponent, and having passed him went in a winner by a yard. Third heat—R. Lewis, of Clerkenwell 15 yds start; C. Barton, of Moorfields, 18. The lead was held by Barton all through, and he passed the goal an easy winner. Final heats—W. Davis, of Islington, 30 yds start; W. Poole, of Millwall, 33; C. Barton, of Moorfields, 18; were the three winners of the preceding heats, and ran off in the final; as, however, there had been a protest lodged against Poole, Book, 45 yds start, who had run second to him in their heat, also came to the mark. The race, after a severe struggle, terminated in Poole landing a clever winner; Barton being second, Book third, and Davis fourth, all being well together when they passed the referee. Poole, before he receives the prize will have to prove who he really is, and his friends state that there will be no difficulty in his doing what is required.

BOW.

HEAVY RACE OF 150 YARDS.—The admirers of this pastime assembled in strong force on Saturday last, on Mr. Wilson's Ground, to witness the running for the above event, the prize a handsome silver cup, and money for the second and third man, being given for competition by Mr. Duffey, well-known in sporting circles. The pedestrians, who had their merits fairly "estimated" according to their antecedents, were drawn to contend in the following order:—First heat:—Fletcher two yards start, Carpenter 12 yds. Fletcher soon came to the fore, and went in an easy winner. Second heat: Densmore's novice 3 yds start, Knott 15. The lead was held by the Novice, who won as he liked. Third heat: Blake, 16 yds start, walked over. Fourth heat: Jones 13 yds start, Stevens 17. Jones, as they came on, wrested the lead from his opponent, and won easily. Fifth heat: Jenkins 17 yds start, walked over. Sixth heat: Dunn 17 yds start, Goldsmith 8. Dunn maintained the lead from end to end, and won as he liked. Final heat: Fletcher 12 yds start, Densmore's Novice 16, Blake 16, Jones 13, Jenkins 17, and Dunn 17, being the winners of the preliminary heats, had now to run off for the prize, and after a superbly contested race, Dunn went in a winner by a foot, the Novice being second, and Jones third.

SIMMONDS AND GOLDSMITH.—These pedestrians also contended, in a spin of 100 yds, for a small stake. The men got off abreast, and after a well-contested race, the competitors keeping well together, Goldsmith went in a winner by half a yard.

MANCHESTER.

CITY GROUNDS.—Upwards of 1,000 persons assembled here last Saturday afternoon to witness the various events set down for decision. The deciding heats in the Novice Handicap, distance 100 yds, produced some exciting contests, the following being the results:—J. Lyons, Salford, 13 yds start, 1st, 23; J. Eaton, Lakeshaw, 10, 2nd, £1 10s; J. Smith, Ashton, 11, 3rd, 10s. A magnificent race, won by half-a-yard. The betting was 2 and 3 to 1 against Lyons, and odds on Smith. Mr. Peter Waddacor officiated as referee. The Novice, also a race, distance 130 yds, for a tenner, the competitors being James Clarke and Michael Horan, both of Manchester, Clarke receiving 3 yards start inside. Mr. Peter Waddacor was referee. It was a disgusting exhibition, as the Hibernian had it all his own way till about 6 yards of the tape, when he actually stopped and allowed Clarke to win as he liked! During the afternoon a Rabbit Coursing Sweepstakes of £1 each, with £5 added by the proprietor; open to dogs of all weights, was decided. Twelve dogs competed, the first prize, £10, being won by Shaw's Luce, Ashton; the second, £5, by Fielden's Healey, Ashton; and the third, £1, by Law's Cairo, Brighouse. Mr. Martin Collins, of Gorton, officiated as referee.

GREENHALGH AND KNOTT.—Mr. William Lang, mine host of the Navigation Inn, Great Ancoats-street, Manchester, is in receipt of £10 a side on account Knott, of Gorton, for a match between Thomas Greenhalgh, of Openshaw, and George Knott, of Gorton, for £25 a side, which takes place at these grounds on October 8. Knott receives five yards start inside.

WOODWARD AND BEAKIN.—Henry Woodward, of Pendleton, and John Beakin, of Salford, have made the final deposit to Mr. Sam Pine, Royal Hunt, Bury-street, Salford, for their engagement to walk one mile, fair heel and toe, for £10 a side, Woodward receiving 30 yds start. To take place this (Saturday) afternoon. The men are to be on their marks at five o'clock precisely.

NOVICE HANDICAP.—There will be a handicap foot race for novices who never won £10 at one time; distance 200 yds, at these grounds on Saturday, October 15. Prizes, £3. Entrance, 1s. each, and no acceptance. All entries to be made at Mr. Holden's, White Lion, Long Millgate; Mr. William Lang's, Navigation Inn, Great Ancoats-street, Manchester; Mr. Pier's, Royal Hunt, Bury-street, Salford; or at the City Grounds.

ROYAL OAK PARK.—In consequence of the inclemency of the weather, there was only a limited attendance at this enclosure, last Monday afternoon, to witness a 130 yds spin between two Wigan lads, James Barton and Nicholas Smith, for £10 a side. The betting was 6 to 4 on Barton. After several ineffectual attempts the competitors got off, the favourite taking the lead, was never headed, and won by one yard and a half. Mr. George Marsin, the proprietor, was stakeholder and referee.

BELTON AND HUGHES.—The match between William Belton, of Hulme, and Isaac Hughes, of Manchester, to run 440 yds for £5 a side, progresses satisfactorily. Mr. Martin holds £4 each, and the race takes place here this (Saturday) afternoon. To be on the mark at four o'clock precisely, and the balance of the money to be handed in by half-past three.

SHAW AND SANDERSON.—A match has been made between Robert Shaw, of Saddleworth, and James Sanderson, of Whitworth, near Rochdale, to run eight miles, on October 29, for £25 a side. Mr. James Holden holds £5 each, which is to be increased to £10 a side to-day (Saturday).

THREE LAPS SWEEPSTAKES.—George Martin will give £25 to be run for on November 21, distance, 1 mile 193 yds; open to all who never ran a mile on any public ground in run 30sec; entrance, 2s 6d.; acceptance, £3—the latter being added and divided according to the entries. The whole of the men to run in one heat. Entries close on September 28.

INGHAM, HAMPSON, AND PARKER.—Mr. James Holden holds £7 10s. each for the one mile race, prepaid, for £10 each between James Ingham, Paul Hampson, and Thomas Parker, which is fixed to be decided here on October 1. The residue must be forthcoming next Monday, the 26th instant.

NEWCASTLE.

Five tolerably interesting matches were run off at the Fenham Park Grounds, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Saturday last, the attendance during the afternoon amounting to 800 or more persons. It is so long since any good races took place here that we had almost despaired of the sport, but we are glad to announce that the proprietors, Messrs. Sterling and Emmerson, have determined to do their best, and have announced that they will give £30 to be run for on Saturday and Monday, Nov. 5 and 7, distance 175 yds. Also the handicap, subject to conditions in future advertisements. This is really a step in the right direction; the large stake must of a necessity attract the very best runners England can produce, and we are sure the public will bestow the patronage handsomely. We understand that in a week or two several crack peds will appear in condition. Pedestrianism, if rightly conducted, is an excellent recreation, and for a little labour we cannot have so valuable a sport between Donkin, of Edmondsley, and Coxon, of Walridge Fell, 100 yds, for £10 after a little nonsense the latter got the better of the break, and outracing his opponent, increased the gap wonderfully, and finally landed a winner by two yards without an effort. The second was the crack race, and was well patronised by an amusing muster of the black district habitues; the distance was £15 a side. Mr. R. Storey, of Dudley, referee. Both lads have figured in the arena previously; we, however, dare say it is nearly half a dozen years since Bertram performed publicly. Fairless's career is not so remote, he has run his quantum of matches until recently, and has proved comparatively successful. Bertram was the favourite at 6 to 4, with some brisk speculation. The delay at the mark was very tiresome, false start followed false start, until the allotted quarter hour had expired. Mr. Thomas Sutton at this period threatened the runners with the pistol, at last, meaning business, they came away at a rattling pace, and excellent pace. The race the entire distance was well contested and animated, Fairless had to work hard to get to the lead, and won one of the best races we was between Philip Grey, of Cramlington, and F. Francis Hall, Dudley, 150 yds, for £20, R. Bagnall, referee. Hall was the favourite in the dressing room, as nothing important. Half a crown was laid on Grey at the scratch. The running was much, however, 5 to 4 was laid on Grey at the scratch. The running was passed him, was 5ft first at the 100 yds and ultimately won by two yards. The next was £20, between R. Cleghorn and Bertram, the unknown, both of Newcastle, 100 yds. This was a very fair spin, Cleghorn got a trifle the better of the break, and lead to within 40yds from home, when Bertram challenged him, and W John, 100 yds, for £20, John two yards start. Ripon was the favourite, but for why we cannot determine. After a lot of nonsense they got in their mission, Ripon approached, John very closely almost as soon as they bolted, John, however, proved Billy's superior by winning easily by two yards.

BIRMINGHAM.

ROYAL ALBERT GROUNDS, ASTON-CROSS.—BENEFIT TO GEORGE STEVENS.—On Saturday last commenced a 120 yds handicap, for the benefit of the above distinguished Birmingham pad, the announcement of which appeared in our last impression. Stevens, unfortunately, overstrained himself in his late race say that he was but very poorly patronised on Saturday, attributable, in a great measure, to the doubtful character of the weather, and the consequent uninviting aspect of things out of doors. Shortly after half-past five, the summoning bell rang for the commencement of sport. There were 45 acceptors, who were handicapped as below, a large proportion of absentees detracting much from the charm of the sport. First heat: T Mordyke, 11 yds start, 1; C Deakin had Deakin safe, but played with the game almost too long, as it was only by a rush at the finish that he succeeded in breasting the tape a quarter of a yard in advance. Second heat: G Hayward, 1½ yds start, 1, walked over, in the absence of T Newbold, 9, and De Gras, 11. Third heat: T Mordyke, 11 yds start, 1, walked over, J Clifford, 16, and T Hope, 21, not showing. Fourth heat: E Eggington, 13, 1; H Foster, 18; W Davis, 19, of Weatbromwich, 84 (absent). Eggington and Foster both got off the mark before the firing of the pistol, and were put back a yard. A good race up to three-quarters of the distance when Eggington drew away. Fifth heat: J Caffrey, 9; D Barlow, 13 (absent). Won by two yards, Caffrey holding back. Sixth heat: J Hustlethwaite, 10½, 1; G Hartshorne, 8, 2; W Wardle, of Leicester, 8. A bad race, the men trying which could come in *last*. Seventh heat: A Smith, 20, walked over, T Browning, 17, and P Taylor, 19, being absent. Eighth heat: H Swan, 15, 1; G Ellis, 16, 2; T Jenks, 2. Won by two yards, Jenks heat: H Dodd, 10, 1; H Bird, 15½; J Lowry, 10 (absent). Well contested within a few yards of home, when Dodd went to the front and won by half a yard. Tenth heat: H De Gras, 16 (put back three yards), 1; R Riley, 13; J Burton, 15 (absent). Won by half a yard. Eleventh heat: J Glave, 12½, walked over, H Hall, 15, and J Gurley, 15, not appearing. Twelfth heat: F Peters, 9, walked over, H Twitchen, 14, and I Homer, 12, being absent. Thirteenth heat: W Flanner, 19, walked over, in the absence of T Middleton, 15, and G Jinks, 14. Mr F Badcock did the needful as referee, and Mr George Hartshorne as starter.

MONDAY.—Another wet day prevented anything like a fair attendance at the above grounds, although there was a slight improvement in numbers. Shortly after five o'clock, the bell announced the commencement of business. First heat: J Weston, 1½ yds' start, 1; T Mordyke, 11, 2; H Swan, 15. A good race between the former. Won by a quarter of a yard. Second heat: E Hustlethwaite, 10½, 1; H De Gras, 16, 2; C Flanner, 19. Won easily. Flanner lost the start by some three yards, was quickly upsided, and gave in at half distance. Third heat: H Dodd, 10 (put back), 1; E Eggington, 13; G Mordyke, 15 (absent), a splendid race. Won by a foot. Fourth heat: G Haywood, 12, walked over; H Glave, 12½, not turning up. Fifth heat: J Peters, 9, 1; A Smith, 20. Peters caught his man at half-a-dozen yards, and won easily. The winners were drawn for contending in the decider, and were and ran as follows:—First heat: G Haywood, 12, had another walk over. Second heat: F Peters, 9, 1; H Dodd, 10. A fine race. Won by half a yard. Third heat: C Hustlethwaite, 10½, 1; J Weston, 1½ yds' start, 1. Another contest. Won by a yard. After some quarter of an hour's respite, the three winners came out two a-breast, to marks, and run as follows: C Hustlethwaite, 10½, 1; G Haywood, 12, 2; F Peters, 9. Haywood was put back three yards, and Peters and Hustlethwaite two yards. Won by half a yard, a yard separating second and third. Mr F Badcock again officiated as referee, and Mr G Hartshorne as starter.

GEORGE BISHOP and BILL MASON, of Birmingham, are matched to run a quarter of a mile for £5 a side, to come off on Monday, October 10, at Aston Cross Grounds, Mason allowing half a yard at coming in. £1 is down in the hands of Mr. Burbidge, Punch Bowl inn, Steelhouse-lane, who is appointed final stakeholder.

TOMMY ROBERTS AND H. SMALLEY.—This 29 mile match is going on "all serene." £4 a side is down, and the lads contend at Aston Cross Grounds, on Monday, October 3rd, Smalley having two minutes start.

J. CARPENT, OF BIRMINGHAM, J. WHITELEY, OF WESTBROMWICH.—This interesting 120 yds match is going on right. £4 a side is posted in the hands of Mr. Currier, Great Western Wine Vaults, Monmouth-street, the final stakeholder.

OLDHAM.

HIGGINSHAW GROUNDS, SATURDAY SEPT. 17.—Upwards of 300 admirers of pedestrianism were present at these grounds this afternoon, to witness the race of 200 yds, for £10 a side, between William Whitworth, of Smallbridge, speculated on the round at 2 to 1 on Whitworth. After two or three false starts, the pedestrians got off, the favourite with the lead; he never afterwards was headed, and won very easily by five yards. Mr. J. Chadwick officiated as race was stakeholder and referee. The winner was prepared for this contest by Mr P Green, of Rochdale.

MR J CHADWICK (the proprietor) will give £5 to be run for, by men who never won above £15, distance 130 yds, on October 1 and 8. Entrance 1s 6d each, to close on September 27, at Mr A Wild's, Rose of Lancaster, Werneth, Oldham; Mr Joseph Savile, Crown and Cushion, Oldham; Mr James Hitchen's, Side of Moor, Oldham; Mr Frederick Greenwood's, Top of Mount, Rochdale, and at the grounds. Anyone entering falsely will be disqualified.

LINCOLN.

ALBION GROUNDS.—A 160 yds handicap, for liberal money prizes, came off at the above grounds on Saturday, the 17th inst., in the presence of a large assemblage of spectators. There were 27 acceptors, who were divided into nine lots. Heat 1—E. Flear, 15½ yds start, first; J. Hallman, 27 second; S. Sounds, 30. Won by two yards. Heat 2—E. Bray, 18, first; W. Fletcher, 32, second; W. Cooper, 19, absent. A clipping race, won by a foot only. Heat 3—Banyard, 30, first; W. Brown, 32, second; Maddocks, 28, third. Won by about two yards, third well up. Heat 4—G. Taylor, 15, walked over. Heat 5—W. Smithson, 20, first; G. Jones, 18, second; A. Rose, 18, third. Won by two yards. Heat 6—G. Higgins, 28, first; R. Jackson, 32, second; W. Pearson, third. Won by about three yards. Heat 9—P. Codd, 12, first; W. Cliff, 16, second; N. Mole, 27, third. Won by three yards. The winners were soon got together, and ran off in the following order:—Heat 1—Meanwell, 1; Taylor, 2; Codd, 3. A good race, won by two yards. Heat 2—Banyard, 1; Bray, 2; Goodyear, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 3—An exciting race between Higgins and Flear, resulted in a dead heat, Smithson finishing about a yard in the rear of the pair. On running off a punishing race ensued, Higgins defeating his opponent by a foot only. After a short breathing, the three winners were brought forward for the final heat, when, after a slashing race, Meanwell was declared the victor by about a foot, Higgins being second, with Banyard close at his heels. Mr. G. Challoner was referee, and Mr. C. Catlin starter. The creditable manner in which handicaps are managed at these grounds, under the meetings deservedly popular, and augur well for the success of future events.

MACCLESFIELD.

UNTIMELY AND LAMENTABLE DEATH OF A PEDESTRIAN.—We are sorry to have to record the melancholy and untimely death of George Pickford, of Macclesfield, who has figured in these colonies as a pedestrian for a long time. He was employed as a stoker upon the London and North-Western Railway, and whilst leaving off work on the evening of the 14th ultimo, he accidentally slipped and fell underneath the engine, at the London-road Station, Manchester, and one arm was taken completely off, and part of the poor fellow's head. He was immediately conveyed to the Royal Infirmary, but the vital spark had fled before his arrival at that institution. He was in his twenty-first year, and had but recently entered upon the duties of stoker. He was the One-Mile Champion Runner of Macclesfield and District, and was a very quiet and well-behaved young man, and his loss is most sincerely regretted amongst a large and numerous company of friends and acquaintances. His remains were interred at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on Sunday last, in the family vault of his staunch friend and supporter, Mr. Crowder, of the Unicorn Inn, Market-place, Macclesfield. A large concourse of spectators assembled to witness the procession which conveyed his mangled corse to its last resting-place. We append a list of his performances as a pedestrian:—Won first prize in the Macclesfield handicap, at the Bowling Green Inn Grounds, on September 6, 1862. Ran in a 350 yds handicap, at the same grounds, on September 13, being beaten in his heat by G. Chesworth. Ran in a one-mile a 510 yds handicap, on November 1, being beaten in the deciding heat by W. Fox. Ran in W. Brownlow. Ran in a 440 yds handicap, on November 8, being beaten in his heat by J. Roberts. Ran in a 350 yds handicap, on November 22, being beaten in his heat by W. Bayley. Ran in a 300 yds handicap, on December 13, being beaten in the running-off heats by C. Riley. Won first prize in a half-mile handicap, on January 31, 1863, at the same grounds. Won first prize in a 440 yds handicap, on February 21, at the same grounds. Ran in a 140 yds handicap, at the Moss Rose Grounds, on March 7, being beaten in his heat by J. Roberts. Ran in a 400 yds handicap, at the Bowling Green Inn Grounds, on March 28, being beaten in the running-off heats by G. Sellars. Ran in a one-mile handicap, at the same grounds, one mile, for £10 and the Champion Cup, on April 4. Ran in a 120 yds handicap, at the Moss Rose Grounds, on April 18, being beaten in the running-off heats by C. Smith. Ran in a 440 yds handicap, at the Bowling Green Inn Grounds, on May 2, being beaten in his heat by R. Boothby. Ran in a 200 yds handicap, at the Moss Rose Grounds, on July 20, being beaten in his heat by F. Hall. Ran in a one mile handicap, at the Bowling Green Inn Grounds, on August 8, being beaten in his heat by J. Pownall. Ran and beat F. Hall, at the same grounds, one mile, for £10 and the Champion Cup, on August 29. Ran in a 100 yds handicap, at the same grounds, on September 12, being beaten in his heat by J. Barritt. Ran and beat G. Dean, at the same grounds, one mile, for £10, allowing Dean 60 yds start, on September 26. Ran in a one-mile handicap, at the same grounds, on October 5, being beaten in the running-off heats by J. Barritt. Ran in a one-mile handicap, at the Macclesfield Park, on October 8, being beaten in his heat by G. Dean. Ran and beat G. Dean, one mile, at the Bowling Green Inn Grounds, for £10 and the Champion Cup, on January 9, 1864. Ran in a 1,000 yds handicap, at the Moss Rose Grounds, on April 30, being beaten in his heat by J. Pownall. Ran and beat Patrick Canovan, at the Bowling Green Inn Grounds, on July 23, in a spin of half a mile, Canovan receiving 30 yds start. Forfeited the Champion Cup to George Dean, on August 13, being at that time incapacitated from running. Ran in a one-mile handicap, on the same day, at the Bowling Green Inn Grounds, being beaten in his heat by J. Saunders. Ran in a 440 yds handicap, at the same grounds, on September 10, being beaten in the running-off heats by P. Howarth; which was his last performance as a pedestrian.

JOHN ROBERTS, of Macclesfield, will run FRANK HALL, of the same place, 140 yds, and will give five yards start; or he will run him one lap round the Moss Rose Grounds level; or he will run SAM MARTIN, of the same place, and will allow two yards start in 150; or he will run any of the following men, from 100 to 300 yds start—J. Ashton, of Uttoxeter, G. Harmonson, of Bollington, and J. HUNT, of Hanley, or any man in the Staffordshire Potteries (bar Malkin). Any of the above matches can be made for £10 or £25 a side, to run in four or five weeks from the first deposit, the editor of any sporting journal to be stakeholder. An answer through these columns will meet with attention.

DARLINGTON.

Upwards of 1,000 persons assembled in a field near Bank Top, Darlington, on Saturday evening last, to witness a mile race for the champion cup of the town. In addition to the cup (value £5) there was a silver cup for second, and 10s for third. The following entered:—George Deighton, James Stone, Henry Sutton, Thomas Bell, W Bulmer, and James Akers. Mr Brumiles, of Darlington, officiated as referee. Betting at starting was 2 to 1 against Walton and Akers, any price being laid against the others. To complete the distance, it was necessary to traverse the field four times and a half. Stone and Walton made the running at a very moderate pace. Stone leading through the first and second laps. Akers and others stretched the lead from his only opponent, and at length went in an easy winner by about twenty yards. Time, 6min. Bulmer and Bell made a good race home for places, the former winning second money by about a yard and a half.

LEEDS.

There was about 300 persons present on Monday, at the Victoria Race Grounds, Leeds, to witness the 130 yds race between Barrow, and G. Batty, both of Leeds, for £25 a side, Barrow receiving three yards start inside. Betting commenced in the town on Saturday, but not to any amount, both taking two yards in different places. On Monday it became rather brisk, commencing with Barrow being installed the favourite, but on the ground the odds turned, and 6 to 4 was for some time freely laid on Batty, but on starting the betting was even. The men effected a fair start, Batty soon began to gain on his man, and when near the gate he had got in front; this caused Barrow to put on the speed, and he soon regained the front, and after an arduous struggle landed by nearly a yard.

RUSSELL AND BROOK.—The 100 yds race for £5 a side between these Leeds youths, is fixed to come off this day (Saturday), Sept. 24, at the Victoria Race Grounds, Leeds.

WERTH AND BROWNFOOT.—The 140 yds race between these Leeds men, for £20 a side, is beginning to create some interest amongst the pedestrians of the district, and is fixed to be run on Saturday, October 1st, at the Victoria Race Grounds, Leeds.

WALKING AND WEIGHT THROWING.—W. Laycock, of Bradford, and the unknown, have staked the whole of the £25 a side for their match, to walk thirty miles, and throw 400 5lbs weights. The match is fixed to come off on Monday next, on the Leeds and Thirsk-road, near Harrogate. To start at one o'clock.

COOPER AND ENSLEY.—A match to run a mile has been made between G Cooper, of Leeds, and James Ensley, of Pudsey, for £25 a side. The latter has received £5 at the hands of Mr Wolfoot, who is appointed stakeholder and referee, has received articles and the first deposit. The match is fixed to be run at St. Thomas Grounds, Stanningley, on Saturday, October 15th.

NORWICH.

CREMORNE GARDENS, THORPE-ROAD.—(Proprietor, Mr. William Steward.)—George Roll, of the Pheasant Cock, St. Miles, gave a splendid silver cup, for a sprint race of 120 yds, on Monday last; it entered for the race and ran in heats during the afternoon, which were well contested, by some very good runners. The cup was won by H. Newman, of Bar-street; second prize by G. Roll, and third by J. Nevin. Foot-racing, like other good old English sports, wants only to be carried out in a truly legitimate manner, and no doubt would prove successful in almost any instance. Gentlemen in Norwich (the same as in London) are to be found who would willingly patronise and support this innocent and manly exercise, could they feel that by so doing it would be a genuine affair; and we hope that the partisans of Norwich will maintain for themselves a strict adherence to these principles, and thereby secure the confidence of the public.

EASTERN COUNTIES CRICKET CLUB ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Referee: H. W. Davis, Esq. Starter: Mr. J. Balloch. Whipper-in, Mr. J. Eves. Clerks of the course, Messrs. H. Arnold, Dalby, Brooksey, Fisher, Furnie, Gage, Kellett, Seymour, Saife, Squires, Harper, and Smith. Honorary secretary: W. Arnold. On Saturday last, this club held their annual autumnal meeting for athletic sports, on their cricket-ground, Stratford. The day was fine, being fine, a very large assemblage, including many of the fair sex, and a great treat was offered the spectators. The band of the works played at intervals during the day, and contributed largely to enliven the scene. The officials carried out their duties in a most praiseworthy manner, and the decisions gave great satisfaction. The sports were commenced punctually at three o'clock with Throwing the Cricket-ball: Five competed, and Smith threw 101 yds 10in., but, having taken a prize at a previous meeting, was precluded by the rules from receiving the first prize, which was awarded to Bowman, Smith taking second. Hurdle Race, 400 yds (handicap): Four started for this, and after going 150 yards, Smith, from scratch, went to the front, was never afterwards approached, and won easily by ten yards; Harper, 20 yds start, second; Albert, 10, third. Wheelbarrow Handicap (100 yds): The eight competitors caused much amusement the majority of them coming to grief. Darby eventually won; Howe, second. Hurdle Race, 440 Yds (open handicap): Stevenson, 30 yds start, first; Harrison, second. Won easily. Roberts, 20, third. Three Mile Race, for a silver cup, value 5 guineas, presented by the honorary members of the club: This was the race of the day, although four only started for it—viz. Cocks and Sim; son, from scratch; Louis, 50; and Yates, 150. To complete the distance, the competitors had to traverse the course thirteen times and a half. Cocks was the favourite, and as soon as the pistol was fired, he dashed away and soon began to draw on the leader. In the seventh lap he went to the front, Louis, second; and Yates third; a long way in the rear; from this point the race lay between Cocks and Louis, and after a fine contest it was won by Cocks by ten yards. 120 Yds Handicap: First heat: Cox, seven yards' start, 1; Canham, 7, 2. Second heat: Harrison, 4, 1; Marriott, 4, 2. Third heat: Darby, 4, 1; Gooch, 6, 2. Won by a yard. Final heat: Harrison, 1; Darby, 2; Marriott, 3. Won by a foot, for a fine race. Half-mile Handicap.—Mole, 40 yds start, first; Bradshaw, 20, second. Won easily. Welter Race (handicap), for men exceeding 12st: Clarke, 3, first; Carter, 6, second. Mile Handicap; Adams, 30, first; Cocks, scratch, second; Yates, 40, third. Won easily. 200 Yds Race: Smith, first; Ward, second. Won by two yards. 120 Yds Handicap: Harper, 6 yards start, first; a dead

heat for second place between Smith (scratch) and Adams (3), and in running off Smith won easily. Quarter of a Mile, open to all: Smith, first; Deerfoot, second. The Ashcroft Consolation Stakes, for the clerks of the course: Bull, first; W. Arnold, second. Won easily. The prizes were handed over to the winners during the evening, at the Railway Hotel, by Mr. H. W. Davis, each prize being accompanied wi h some neat and appropriate remarks. The loyal and usual toasts having been drunk, the evening was spent in harmony, and the company did not separate until the latest hour allowed by law. The honorary secretary, Mr. W. Arnold, in the course of some remarks, stated that during the last six years the club had played 194 matches, and lost only 14. On Saturday next, at Stratford, they play the return match v. the Brighton Railway Club, and at the same ground, on Saturday, the return with the Midland Counties Club from Derby.

GLASGOW.

GREAT 180 YDS HANDICAP.—The largest amount of money ever offered in Scotland—£25 to the first man, £4 to the second, and £1 to the third—was run for, at the Stonefield Recreation Grounds, on Saturday afternoon, before a rather thin attendance, amounting to only about 400 persons; but this, no doubt, arose from the fact that the remainder of the races in connection with the Glasgow Regatta caused a great stir among the lovers of outdoor sports, and hence the meagre turn-out at the running-grounds. First heat: James Muir, Glasgow, 33 yds start, beat Siah Albison, Bowlee, 23. A good race. Second heat: G. Garner, Paisley, 34, beat George Donachie, 35 Won easily. Third heat: J. Robinson, Glasgow, 35, beat Finlay Sym, Glasgow; Robert Quaile, Liverpool, 32, left at the mark. Won by about a yard. Fourth heat: J. Reeby, Carlisle 27, beat J. Henderson, Glasgow, 32. A capital race, won by nearly a yard. Fifth heat: Gavin Tait, Carlisle and Douglass, 26, beat M. Seaton, Mauchline, 35, and Dan Corrigan, Newcastle, 36. Sixth heat: L. Downie, Greenock, 33, beat W. Simpson, Glasgow, 36. The best race of the day, won by a few inches. Seventh heat: A. Cuthbertson, Glasgow, 38, beat Thomas Henderson, Glasgow, 31, and E. Greenwood, Manchester, 22. Won easily. This concluded the running of the first heats, and the final heats will be run off on Saturday next.

TWO-MILE HANDICAP.—Immediately after the above heats were run, the English Champions who are located in Glasgow came to the mark to compete for a purse of £15 that was subscribed for in order to defray their expenses, and divided as follows:—First man, £10; second, £2; third, £1 10s.; fourth, £1; fifth, 10s. The competitors were: W. Lang, scratch; W. Richards, 60 yds start; Sith Albison, 60; P. Canavan, 80; John Steel, 100. After a capital race, in the course of which Canavan and Albison retired, W. Lang was hailed the winner by about 15 yds; Richards second, Steel third.

COLVIN AND M'CRAE.—£20 a side has been made good for these lads to run their one-mile race, for £50, on October 1, at the Stonefield Grounds. The final deposit of £5 a side, to be made at Mr. Thomas Seaton's, Stockwell-street the evening before the race.

QUAILE AND SHANNON.—For this 100 yds spin, in which Quaile receives two yards start, on October 15, £4 a side has been lodged with the stakeholder, Mr. Dick, of the Anchor Tavern, Argyle-street.

GAVIN TAIT AND DANIEL SHANNON are matched to run 200 yds, on October 22, at the Stonefield Grounds, for £25 a side, Shannon to have two yds start. £5 a side has been deposited.

BENEFIT FOR JOHN JAQUES AT HACKNEY WICK.—This day (Saturday) Sept. 24, the famed Hackney Wick will be set apart for a richly-deserved complimentary benefit to the respected John Jaques, a ped of olden times, and one well known at all running grounds, as ever ready to promote sport. All lovers and supporters of athletic exercises, pedestrians especially (professionals or amateurs), should attend, more especially as the programme includes a mile and a 200 yds handicap, also a walking match of two miles for those who never won £1, for silver watches. As it is the Saturday half-holiday, we hope there will be a strong muster. Jaques is also known and respected by Turf bookmakers, &c. Mr. William Price will esteem it an especial favour by the attendance of his friends. On the same day Williams and Robins run 440 yds, for £6, the latter receiving five yards at the finish. Sayer and Long likewise run 300 yds, for £6.

E. SUGGERS has left 10s. with us to make a match with MATTHEWS for £5 a side to run 150 yds, Shosbree giving four yards start; or he will run Busby 120 yds level for the same amount. He will take two yards start and run Small 120 yds for the like sum. The match can be made at Mr. Fishwick's, the Globe, Central-street, St Luke's, on Saturday, the 24th inst, between eight and ten o'clock p.m.

CRICKET.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WEEK.

THIS DAY (SATURDAY), SEPT. 24.

Kennington-oval.—Albert v Surrey Albion (return)
Waltham—N.C.O.R.S. v West Essex Yeomanry (return)

THE UNITED ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN v. TWENTY-TWO OF HALIFAX AND DISTRICT.

This match was played on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday last at Halifax. Grundy took sixteen wickets in the first innings of Halifax, and ten in their second. The match was drawn. When time was called on Saturday evening, the United had one wicket to go down, and wanted 60 runs to win. Score:—

THE TWENTY-TWO OF HALIFAX.

Emmett, b Hearne	1	c Biddulph, b Grundy	9
Clegg, c Carpenter, b Grundy	7	c Dawson, b Wootton	2
Hilton, b Grundy	0	l b w, b Mason	5
Gibson, l b w, b Grundy	3	c Daft, b Wootton	5
Wescoe, b Grundy	29	b Wootton	2
Smith, b Grundy	1	c Bignall, b Wootton	0
Kaye, b Grundy	13	c Wootton, b Grundy	3
Grange, c Iddison, b Grundy	5	run out	0
Haigh, c Bell, b Grundy	3	not out	1
Penrose, l b w, b Grundy	0	c Grundy, b Wootton	0
Swain, c Iddison, b Grundy	3	c Hearne, b Grundy	19
Wadsworth, b Grundy	6	c Hearne, b Grundy	19
Pearson, l b w, b Bignall	5	b Hearne	3
Dearden, b Grundy	0	b Grundy	3
Fossard, b Grundy	2	b Hearne	0
Walshaw, b Grundy	18	b Grundy	0
Walker, c Wootton, b Hearne	31	b Wootton	0
Wroe, c Wootton, b Mason	7	c Carpenter, b Grundy	0
Knowles, c Bell, b Mason	3	c Bignall, b Wootton	6
Cockroft, b Grundy	7	c Dawson, b Grundy	0
Collier, not out	9	l b w, b Grundy	0
Helliwell, b Grundy	0	c and b Grundy	1
Byes, &c.	5	Byes, &c	6
Total	158	Total	84

THE UNITED ELEVEN.

Hearne, c Swain, b Penrose	2	c Cockcroft, b Smith	7
Daft, b Cockcroft	17	b Swain	1
Bell, b Penrose	1	not out	2
Bignall, b Emmett	9	c Wroe, b Gibson	22
Carpenter, c Walker, b Penrose	0	b Gibson	15
Iddison, c Smith, b Penrose	4	b Smith	7
Dawson, c Haigh, b Penrose	9	c Walshaw, b Smith	10
Grundy, c Gibson, b Cockcroft	0	b Smith	16
Biddulph, not out	7	run out	1
Mason, c Haigh, b Penrose	1	c Walshaw, b Smith	1
Wootton, c Smith, b Cockcroft	5	not out	16
Byes, &c.	15	Byes, &c.	12
Total	70	Total	113

EAST SURREY v. RICHMOND.

This match was played on the East Surrey Ground, Rosemary Branch, Peckham, last week, when East Surrey won on the first innings by five runs. Mr. T. A. Raynes marked 73 (not out), for which he was presented by the secretary (Mr. City) with a new bat. Score:—

EAST SURREY.		RICHMOND.	
Raynes, not out	73	Robinson, b Daly	0
Summers, b Park	7	Ash, b Daly	0
Stanley, b Park	2	Follett, b Daly	2
Lane, b Hales	1	Cook, b Prior	4
Prior, b Morres	2	Park, c Lane, b Prior	21
Hibbert, b Hales	8	Hales, b Daly	9
Daly, h w, b Ash	9	Beechcroft, l b w, b Daly	0
City, c Robinson, b Ash	2	Barton, b Daly	11
Saggers, b Park	0	Trevor, b Raynes	20
Walker, run out	0	M'Allum, not out	17
Strachan, absent	0	Morres, c Summers, b Daly	11
Byes, &c.	16	Byes, &c.	20
Total	120	Total	115

East Surrey, in their second innings, scored 91, Mr. C. Lane being not out with 35, and Mr, T. Prior with 49. Only one wicket was down.

BERESFORD UNITED.

A single wicket match between five members of this club (three v. two) was played at Peckham Rye last Saturday. Score:—

THREE BERESFORDS.

Cook, b Edwards	4	c and b Macdonald	1
Cross, b Macdonald	0	c and b Edwards	2
Southwood, b Edwards	1	b Edwards	4
Byes, &c.	2	Byes, &c	1
Total	7	Total	8

TWO BERESFORDS.

Edwards, b Cross	0	h w	8
Macdonald, b Southwood	2	b Cook	6
Byes, &c.	1	Byes, &c	8
Total	3	Total	16

ELEVEN OF ENGLAND v. TWENTY-TWO OF TWICKENHAM AND DISTRICT.

PLAY in this match was resumed on Tuesday, and in weather, attendance, the wickets, and the cricket there was a material improvement on Monday. Shepherd took 7 wickets (all bowled) out of the 10 in England's first innings which was used up for 64 runs, or only 15 on. Hearne and Griffith's (fast and slow) bowling then finished off the villagers' second innings for 56 runs. Mr. Bailey played well for 12, making two good drives for 3 each from Griffith; but the feature of the Twickenham play was the good "all round" cricket of Mr. Hurst: his batting on Monday and on Tuesday proved he could play good cricket with the bat; his very fine catch—about four inches from the ground that settled Street, and his equally fine run out of Hearne proved him a thorough cricketer at fielding; and his bowling 8 overs for 3 runs and the ball that hit the leg stump (but did not shake the bale off) of Hearne's wicket, proved him a good bowler. The England men on Tuesday lost three wickets for 13 runs. Half-an-hour's play on Wednesday finished off the match in favour of the Eleven of England, who won by seven wickets. Pooley and Mr. Hales quickly hit off the required runs. Full score:

THE TWENTY-TWO OF TWICKENHAM.

Thos. Harris, b Griffith	0	b Hearne	1
Holloway, c Jupp, b Hales	0	c and b Griffith	0
Bailey, c Mudie, b Griffith	2	b Griffith	12
H. Osborne, b Griffith	1	c Cæsar, b Hearne	1
J. Broomfield, c Hearne, b Hales	1	c Bisset, b Griffith	0
G. Jupp, c Pooley, b Griffith	3	b Hearne	5
Upjohn, c Humphrey, b Hales	1	b Hearne	0
Follett, b Griffith	0	b Hearne	4
Fisher, st Lockyer, b Griffith	0	c Cæsar, b Hearne	6
Hurst, b Hearne	11	c Jupp, b Hearne	7
Teague, c Jupp, b Griffith	2	c Mudie, b Griffith	2
Stirling, b Griffith	0	c Griffith, b Hearne	6
Warner, c Hearne, b Hales	13	c Lockyer, b Griffith	1
Litchfield, c Cæsar, b Hearne	0	b Griffith	2
Pope, b Hales	1	h w, b Griffith	3
Newcombe, b Hearne	0	run out	0
D. Harris, c Hales, b Hearne	3	c Cæsar, b Griffith	1
Way, not out	5	c Bissett, b Griffith	0
Shepherd, b Hearne	1	st Locker, b Griffith	0
Jones, b Hearne	0	c and b Griffith	2
Mayger, run out	0	b Griffith	1
Robinson, b Hearne	0	not out	1
Byes, &c.	5	Bye	1
Total	49	Total	56

THE ELEVEN OF ENGLAND.

H. Jupp, c and b Broomfield	16		
Hales, c Osborne, b Broomfield	6	not out	11
T. Humphrey, b Shepherd	1		
A. Bissett, b Shepherd	1	c Hurst, b Shepherd	0
Pooley, b Shepherd	6	not out	16
T. Hearne, b Shepherd	14	run out	1
Griffith, b Shepherd	8		
Mudie, b Shepherd	0		
Lockyer, not out	5	run out	6
Julius Cæsar, b Shepherd	2		
J. Street, c Hurst, b Bloomfield	4		
Byes, &c.	1	Byes, &c.	8
Total	64	Total	42

Umpires: W. Mortlock and Gunn.

ALL-ENGLAND ELEVEN v. TWENTY-TWO OF THIRSK AND DISTRICT.

This match, which concludes the season of this eleven, was brought to a close on Saturday last, England scoring a victory with 60 runs to the good. A more plucky stand was made by the Twenty-two in their second innings, but still the slows were fatal to most of them. Tinley's name, as bowler, was written fifteen times in their first innings and thirteen times in the second. The arrangements reflected the greatest credit on the committee of management. Score:—

ALL-ENGLAND.

Stephenson, run out	0	c Owen, b Scott	0
Tarrant, b Smith	30	b Smith	5
Berry, c Rhodes, b Scott	41	c Dodsworth, b Scott	1
Hayward, b Smith	3	b Dale	4
Bowbotham, run out	0	c Dodsworth, b Dale	19
Anderson, b Scott	10	c Gilling, b Dale	0
Rawlinson, c Coats, b Scott	0	not out	11
Jackson, b Smith	8	b Barker	1
Willsher, b Smith	5	b Dale	1
Hayward, not out	0	c Alderwick, b Barker	17
Tinley, b Scott	1	b Dale	21
Byes, &c.	5	Byes, &c.	15
Total	103	Total	95

TWENTY-TWO OF THIRSK.—1st inn., 44; 2nd inn., 94.

ELEVEN OF ENGLAND v. TWENTY-TWO OF RAMSGATE, MARGATE, AND DISTRICT.

This match, for the benefit of R. Bush, was commenced on Thursday last, at Margate by the kind permission of the proprietor, on the Crescent School Ground, and finished in favour of the Eleven by six wickets. Mr. Rammell played well for his runs. Mr. Dentry's 28 was a good piece of cricket, and was much applauded. Mantle played two innings of 28 and 17. Mudie's 21 (not out) was well got, as was Mr. H. M. Hyndman's 15. The bowling of Tanner was very good, likewise that of Master Selle. Mr. Dentry and Mantle being the highest scorers on their respective sides, were presented with new bats. The Eleven, whose scores we append, won by seven wickets. Score:—

ELEVEN OF ENGLAND.

Hyndman, c White, b Willis	3	c Madden, b Willis	15
Catlin, c White, b Willis	6		
Mantle, c Osborne, b Selle	28	c Harbord, b Willis	17
Mudie, b Selle	5	not out	21
Beauchamp run out	0	b Matthews	0
Roberson, l b w, b Selle	7	not out	9
Frederick, b Selle	0		
Town, b Selle	6		
Osborne, not out	3	run out	9
Dryland, c Talfourd, b Swinyard	7		
Tanner, b Willis	0		
Byes, &c.	15	Byes, &c.	14
Total	77	Total	85

TWENTY-TWO OF RAMSGATE, MARGATE, AND DISTRICT.—1st inn., 65; 2nd inn., 96.

CLARENCE AMATEURS v. TOWER HAMLETS.—This return match was played on Saturday last at the Eton and Middlesex Ground, and was won by the Clarence by eight wickets, making the clubs "trick and tie" for this season. Score:—Tower Hamlets, 32; Clarence Amateurs (with only 2 wickets down), 45.

BLENHEIM v. ARUNDEL.—This return match was played at Battersea Park on Saturday, and terminated in favour of the Blenheim by 38 runs, with the loss of only five wickets. Only eight gentlemen batted on behalf of the Arundel. Score:—Arundel, 25; Blenheim, 63.

RANELAGH v. OXFORD HOUSE.

This match was played at Battersea Park on Saturday, 17th September, and was decided, on the first innings, in favour of the Ranelagh, by 24 runs.

RANELAGH.		OXFORD HOUSE.	
Theobald, b Hayward	6	Hayward, b Truman	2
Ford, b Nicholetts	9	Nicholetts, c Truman, b Ford	2
Truman, run out	18	Berry, b Truman	1
Newman, b Nicholetts	3	Lawrence, b Truman	0
Powell, b Hayward	0	Warren, b Ford	2
Jeffry, c Warren, b Nicholetts	7	Wilson, c Ford, b Truman	5
Cross, b Hayard	4	Davies, b Ford	6
Copping, not out	5	Mills, c Ford, b Truman	4
Burnham, l b w, b Hayward	2	Batten, b Truman	0
Lenington, run out	0	Barnes, not out	2
Tring, c and b Nicholetts	0	Cunningham, run out	9
Byes, &c.	8	Byes, &c	5
Total	62	Total	38

THE MASTER BUTCHERS' LONDON CLUB (INCLUDING SEVEN PLAYERS IN OF ENGLAND) v. TWENTY-TWO OF WALLINGFORD AND DISTRICT.

This annual match commenced at Wallingford on Tuesday last, and was continued on Wednesday, but owing to the very unfavourable state of the weather, the game could not be finished; but, as far as it went, it was a hollow affair, the Twenty-two, who made 105 and 103, being much too strong for the Thirteen, as will be seen by the score:—

MASTER BUTCHERS AND PLAYERS.			
Mantle, c Sides, b Rogers	0	b Fletcher	6
Robinson, c Davenport, b Rogers	5	c Prowse, b Rogers	2
Oldaker, b Rogers	5		
Pooley, l b w, b Rogers	9	b Rogers	2
Hearne, c Bacon, b Hodgkins	2	not out	22
Fordham, b Rogers	6	b Fletcher	0
Absolon, b Hodgkins	0	c Tubb, b Fletcher	4
Martin, b Rogers	0	b Fletcher	0
Whittaker, b Rogers	0		
Crowhurst, b Hodgkins	0		
Inwood, c Sides, b Rogers	0		
Norris, b Rogers	0		
Smith, not out	1		
Byes, &c.	7	Byes, &c.	2
Total	36	Total	38

CAMBORNE JUNIORS v. PENZANCE GRAMMAR SCHOOL (WITH MURGATROYD AND MITCHELL).

The return match was played at Penzance, Cornwall, on Saturday last, but in consequence of the unpropitious state of the weather was decided on the first innings, which terminated in favour of the latter by two runs from the "bat." Score:—

PENZANCE.		CAMBORNE.	
Murgatroyd, c Prince, b Stephens	10	Stephens, b Murgatroyd	12
Michell run out	2	Price, run out	2
Henderson, b Stephens	4	Hugo, b Uren	4
J. C Uren, c Hugo, b Prince	4	Paull, b Murgatroyd	0
F. Uren, l b w, b Stephens	1	Parkes, run out	4
Fidwell, b Stephens	1	Parkyn, run out	2
Hosburg, b Moorhead	1	Carter, run out	1
F. Trevithick, st Stephens, b Prince	2	Miller, run out	0
T. Trevithick, c and b Stephens	4	J. Rowe, not out	0
Poole, b Moorshead	3	Moorehead, run out	2
Tregarthen, not out	7	R. Rowe, b Murgatroyd	2
Byes, &c.	9	Byes, &c	2
Total	46	Total	37

GROSVENOR (PECKHAM) v. DULWICH COLLEGE.

This match was played on September 17, at the Rosemary Branch, Peckham, and ended in a draw, greatly in favour of the Grosvenor. Score:—

GROSVENOR.		DULWICH COLLEGE.	
W. J. Frayling, b Everett	1	Halse, c Griffith, b St. Mockett	6
St. Mockett, b Dryland	4	Craven, run out	2
Saggers, h w, b Dryland	0	Bone, run out	3
Flint, b Dryland	3	Everett, run out	0
Davies, b Dryland	15	Lane, b St. Mockett	7
S. Mockett, run out	17	Dryland, b F. Frayling	3
F. G. Frayling, b Dryland	25	Gripper, c and b St. Mockett	0
Oxenford, b Everett	2	Denny, b F. Frayling	0
Griffith, b Dryland	0	Jackson, b St. Mockett	1
Woodward, not out	1	Clark not out	1
Simmonds, b Dryland	2	Youell, not out	0
Byes, &c.	30	Byes, &c.	3
Total	103	Total	26

RALEIGH v. VULTURE.—A return match between these clubs was played on Monday last, being the wind-up of the season, and resulted in favour of the Raleigh by 3 runs. Mr. F. Everton, for the Raleigh, batted well, making one clear drive for 6 out of the field. Score: Raleigh, 65 and 67; Vulture, 65 and 64.

MILLWALL IRONWORKS C. C. v PONTIFEX AND WOOD'S C.C.—The return match between these clubs was played at Millwall on Saturday last, and ended in a draw, much in favour of Pontifex and Wood's. Score: Millwall Iron Works, 73; Pontifex and Wood's (with only two wickets down), 47.

BELGRAVIAN AMATEURS v. THE CLARENCE.—This match was played on Saturday, at Battersea Park, and resulted in favour of the Belgravian Amateurs by 89 runs. Score:—Belgravian, 124; Clarence, 35. The batting of Messrs. Bailey, Prowse, and Hutchins was very effective, on behalf of the Belgravian Amateurs.

A CRICKET MATCH was made at Mr. Albert D. Lane's, Oriental, St Stephen's, Norwich, on September 10th, for £5, by the four following amateurs—Garratt and Robinson against Stark and Wickham, which came off on Thursday the 15th instant, at Tasburgh. Some good play was the reward to the numerous and fashionably dressed spectators. The score was as follows:—Stark and Wickham, 16; Robinson and Garratt, 3.

CANINE.

HIGGINSHAW GROUNDS, OLDHAM.—The race between Joseph Buckley's Sammy and John Hall's Alice, both of Oldham, distance 200 yds, for 10l. a side, the heaviest to allow two and a half yards to the pound outside, takes place here this (Saturday) afternoon. To be on the mark at five o'clock.

COPENHAGEN GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—A Handicap Dog Race, distance 200 yds, came off here last Monday and Saturday. About 500 persons being present each day. The deciding heat resulted thus:—Cooper's Flora, Middleton, 16lb, 40 yds start, first, 8l. 10s.; Greenwood's Venus, Lees, 12lb, 33 yds, second, 1l.; Cooper's Gip, Foulsworth, 14½lb, 41 yds, third, 10s. Won by four yards. Referee, Mr. James Taylor.

ROYAL OAK PARK, MANCHESTER.—Another deposit has been handed to Mr. George Martin, making 5l. each now in his hands for the 200 yds race between Ben Hunt's Fly, of Tyldesley, and Thomas Graham's Fan, of Bedford, for 10l. a side, on October 8, the heavier dog to allow two and a half yards to the pound. The remainder to be posted on the day.

CITY GROUNDS, MANCHESTER.—A great Dog Handicap of 5l. each with 5l. added, comes off here on October 1 and 3, the handicap to be two and a half yards to the pound and according to merit.

BLUCHER AND FAN.—Mr. Bennett, has received articles and the first deposit for a 200 yds race between Isaac Dibbs, Blucher, of Idle, and J. Schofields bitch, Fan, of Bierley for £15 a side. The heavier dog to allow three yds to the pound. The match to come off at St. Thomas Grounds, Stamingley, on Saturday Oct. 22.

FOOTBALL.—RUGBY SCHOOL.—Football commences on Saturday, Oct. 1, and the Sixth v the School, will take place on Oct. 8, when an immense attendance is anticipated.

SWIMMING.

"THE ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS" SWIMMING CUP.

The importance of this event demands exclusive attention. We have therefore devoted the space usually occupied by our leading article to the subject. To that part of the paper we beg to refer our readers for the full particulars of the competition for our trophy.

THE LONDON SWIMMING CLUB AND GURR.

Sir,—Will you allow me to give a few words of explanation in reply to a letter of "A Lover of Fair Play," which appeared in your last week's impression. We of the London do not "claim to have done more than any other club towards promoting amateur swimming"—at all events, I am not aware of any such claim having been advanced by any of our club. We try to advance swimming of all sorts, whether professional or amateur, and endeavour to do our work with the most catholic spirit. Naturally, in our pursuit of this, we are sometimes forgetful of ourselves; and, instead of plentifully adorning each others' breasts with medals, we from time to time spend our funds in public contests, with a view of advancing and spreading a knowledge of the art. We do not wish, nor did we ever wish, to make any merit of this; but when impugned, there is no egotism in vindicating one's position. Your correspondent alludes to two prizes won by the little Champion—the first, a medal for the captaincy; the second, a gold necklet and locket. As to the first, I may say that the constant desire of the club has been to keep up the very highest standard as its model and its leader, and we have been so fortunate as to have had from our commencement some one or other of the foremost swimmers of the day, and we prefer, even at the risk of causing disgust to ambitious amateurs, to leave our captaincy open for the leading swimmers of England. There are prizes for our first-class men, and they find no cause of complaint, as all professionals are excluded. We have, moreover, a second class, with respective medals and prizes, and a third class—the general body. I might go more into detail, but I hope what I have said will sufficiently show that ample provision is made for swimmers of all degrees of proficiency. Now, as to the necklet, I may merely state that this was for public competition, and Gurr went in with Johnson and others after incurring the fatigue of his first race, and won easily. What is there to grumble at in this? As to the last remark of your correspondent, asking "whether the club has not members enough to make it worth their while to give a prize exclusively for amateurs," I may state that this absurd question seems, in the face of our repeated races this season amongst our members, most malicious; but I must charitably suppose that "A Lover of Fair Play" has not taken the trouble of ascertaining the facts before committing himself to paper. I will but add that I shall be most happy to afford any and every explanation connected with our club if "A Lover of Fair Play" will be kind enough to write to me personally; and, indeed, unless he presumed his attack unanswerable, I am at a loss to conceive why, instead of writing to you, he should not have taken this course in the first instance—then we should have been grateful. I have, on behalf of my committee, to express to you their sense of the boon you are conferring on swimming by opening your columns to accounts of doings in the art, and to add their thanks for giving us this opportunity of replying to "A Lover of Fair Play" through the columns of your widely-circulated paper.—Very obediently yours,

WILLIAM TAYLOR,
Sec. to the L. S. C.

E. B. Mather, of Manchester, begs respectfully to inform J. Fairlank, of the British Rolls, Salford, that he is now recovering from his illness, and will match himself to swim Johnson 20 lengths of the Leaf-street Baths for £25 or £50 a side in one month if he will allow 10sec start, or he will swim 10 lengths level as J. Fairlank has said so much about backing men against him during his illness. E. B. M. hopes he will show a manly spirit and not shuffle out now he is recovering.

Bury Baths.—An entertainment came off at the above baths, on Monday evening last. There was a display of scientific swimming and double floating by Professor Poulton and a pupil named Elton, which was executed in a style peculiar to the Professor, and which elicited tremendous applause. The first race was for the Bury Champion Cup, presented by Thos. Grundy, Esq. Open to all within two miles of Bury. To be held by the winner for one year, and not compelled to swim more than four times in the year. The distance twenty lengths of the bath, or 343 yds 1 ft. This was won by a promising young swimmer, Mr. Fred. Parkinson, a pupil of the Professors, who has entirely learned in six months. Second Race—For a silver pencil case, six lengths of the bath—was carried off by Mr. Frank Parkinson, also a pupil of Mr. Poulton. Third Race—For a silver watch, twelve lengths, given by Mr. Stead, the superintendent—was won by Mr. Fred Parkinson. Fourth Race—For a writing-desk, eight lengths, was won by J. Alston. Race for a Pair of Skates—Two lengths of the bath, after a splendid contest, was won by T. Wadleworth. Professor Poulton then introduced P. Johnson and D. Meakin, who swam twenty lengths. The chairman then announced that Mr. E. Mather, the ex-champion, was present, and would perhaps oblige by swimming a few lengths, Mr. Mather shortly appeared on the board amidst vociferous cheering, and after apologising for the short distance he should have to swim, on account of recent sickness, he entered the water and swam ten lengths. In conclusion a vote of thanks was passed to the chairman which concluded the entertainment.

G. Kinglake will swim W. B. Nanson of Manchester, half a mile for £25 a side on the following condition. 1. That the race shall come off in either the river Trent, Severn, or Mersy. 2. That the match shall be conducted in a private manner. 3. That as G. K. is going to leave this country in a few weeks the match must come off at once. 4. That the loser shall pay all expenses.

THE MOORS AND FORESTS IN SCOTLAND.

Sportsmen are now fast leaving the moors for the nobler game to be found in the forests. A few good bags have, however, been made during the past week. On the afternoon of the 10th, at Balmacaan, the Earl of Seafield and party killed 20 brace of grouse, 1 black-game, 2 snipes, and 15 hares. On the 12th the Hon. Edward Thesiger bagged 12 brace of grouse and 6 hares; and on the 13th the Earl of Seafield and party shot 8 brace of grouse, 1 black-game, 1 snipe, 6 brace of partridges, and 6 hares. On the Dearyrshiel shooting, the Messrs. Offman and party had good sport during the week on the Benach hills, notwithstanding that the birds were packing earlier this season than on former years. During his stay at Revack Lodge, Mr. Saltmarshe has killed close on 800 brace of grouse, and a good many black-game, roe, and hares. On the Strathmashie moors, Mr. Fleetwood, P. Wilson, and party, in all four guns, killed, from the 12th till the 26th August, 360 brace of grouse, 4 brace of black-game, 41 hares, 6 rabbits, and 7 couples of snipes. Mr. White, of Monar, has found grouse to be more plentiful this year than for eighteen years past. Another such season would restore the moors to their old condition before the first fatal year of the disease, when they used to yield 30 to 40 brace a day without extraordinary trouble.

The forests are yielding well; during favourable weather excellent sport is being obtained. Horatio Ross, Esq., writing from Glendibidale on Tuesday, says:—"I mentioned in my last that up to Saturday evening we had killed 41 stags. My sons, Horatio and Hercules, were out yesterday and got to two stalks, killing four stags, averaging about 14st weight each. This makes 45 stags since July 30. We have got a vast number of very fine heads this season. We never had such a good average of either weight of deer or quality of heads, though we have not been fortunate in killing any decided monsters." On Saturday morning, the Earl of Seafield and party had a "drive" in the forest of Balmacaan, and shot four stags and three roe-deer. On the 12th, his lordship shot a fine animal of 18st 9lb. On the Captain Walsh, Finnich, killed a stag with a head of ten tines, another of nine, two of eight, and one of six. Total, five stags in one day, all by fair stalking. The following notes apply to our more eastern forests:—"In Altanour Forest, on Wednesday, the Hon. George Skene Duff shot a splendid stag of 16st, with a fine head of ten points. On the following day, in the same forest, he brought down no fewer than four fine stags, which weighed respectively 17st 5lb, 16st 7lb, 15st 8lb, and 14st 4lb. The stags' heads were all very good. On Saturday last the Hon. George S. Duff was out deer-stalking, bringing down another stag. The Earl of Fife had excellent sport last week in Mar Lodge Forest. Captain Vivian, who is at present enjoying the hospitality of the Earl and Countess of Fife at Mar Lodge Forest, was out deer-stalking on Saturday, killing one stag, weighing clean upwards of 16st. On the 3rd Lord Holmesdale was out deer-stalking in the Elrick, Corndavon Forest, killing one stag; while to the rifle of Major Allson, who was out in the Ballochbuie, on the same day, another fine stag fell. On Wednesday Captain Campbell shot three stags. On Thursday the Duke of Richmond killed a fine stag. Lord Henry Bentinck hashad good sport at Loch-Erricht, killing six stags between the 3rd and the 10th current.

During the past week, Mr. H. Snowie, Church-street, Inverness, has received a number of stags' heads for preservation. T. F. Basset, Esq., has sent a fine royal head from Kinlochewe; William Tomline, Esq., a royal head from Balmacaan; W. Peers, Esq., a good stag's head; the Hon. Francis Byng has forwarded a good head. A. Walsh, Esq., Fannich, has sent a splendid royal head; the span is 30 inches; length of horn, 35½ inches; and girth, 5½ inches. Colonel W. Inge has forwarded two capital heads from Fasnakyle—one a royal; and T. G. Leigh, Esq., Strathconon, has sent six fine stags' heads.—*Inverness Courier.*

ANGLING.

MR. BAILEY'S GUDGEON FISHING EXPLOIT.

(*To the Editor of "The Illustrated Sporting News."*)

Sir,—I lately came across a little work by Mr. Bailey, of Nottingham, entitled "The Angler's Instructor," and having a taste for the "gentle art," I perused it with great care. When I came to the head "gudgeon," I, being a Londoner, one of the class of whom Mr. Bailey writes:—"The Londoners enjoy gudgeon fishing much," I read with particular avidity, for I expected a few hints which would make me *au fait* at the sport. From a man of Mr. Bailey's experience it was only natural to anticipate instruction of the most valuable nature, and when my eyes fell upon the following passage, I assure you I experienced the most exquisite delight and sprang from my seat with the cry of "Eureka," for I thought I had at length discovered a secret which was to lead me to the acquirement of an enviable reputation as a gudgeon fisherman:—"Another person, and I once laid a wager as to which of us would catch the greatest number of gudgeon in two hours. I will here mention the plan I adopted to win the match. I took a piece of brass wire, a foot long, and about the thickness of a common pin, and twisted a small noose in the middle, and another at each end of the wire. I then tied a single gut with a shot in the middle of each end; I put a No. 10 hook on each, and baited them with small cockspurs. The wire was intended to keep the tackle apart. I had a rod about eight feet long, and a piece of line the same length. I put on a small quill float, and then tied the line to the noose, in the middle of the wire, which made my tackle complete. I then put on a pair of water boots and walked into a gentle stream to the thigh, stirring up the mud with my feet, and continuing to do so that the water might not get clear. In about a minute after I commenced, a shoal of gudgeon rushed up to the muddy water close to my feet. I caught them like fury, often two at a time, and rarely a swim without one. In the two hours I caught ninety-six, and my opponent forty-three. If you should be hard up for pike baits at any time, adopt this plan for catching gudgeon, and you can take them in any quantity all through the summer, when the water is clear." Now one would have thought this, coming from such an authority, something like an infallable rule. All I have to say is that I have tried it in the best waters within twenty miles of town, four times during August and September, without a shadow of success. Perhaps Mr. Bailey or some of our piscatorial readers may be able to explain this.—Your obedient servant,

A. Alford.

London, Sept. 12, 1864.

Salmon Fisheries in Cumberland.—The stake nets on the Scotch side of the Solway have had a great run of luck since the close of the season commenced on the English side. Those fixed engines are not out of season till the 26th of September, and in the stormy weather of the last few days they have taken some great hauls of salmon and grilse. On the 1st of January next, according to the new Scotch Salmon Fisheries Act, all the fixed engines on the Scotch side of the Solway, except such as exist by virtue of "grant, charter, or immemorial usage" on the English side; and it is expected that the abolition of these impediments to the free run of fish will greatly benefit the Cumberland rivers as well as those on the Scotch side. By an old law of Scotland fixed engines are illegal in the estuary of a river; but many have long existed in the estuaries of the Annan, the Nith, and the Esk, because their limits are not defined. This year however by virtue of the power vested in them by the act referred to, the salmon fishery commissioners have fixed the boundaries; and an influential association of salmon fishery proprietors and others, including the Duke of Buccleuch, the Earl of Carlisle, Sir Frederick Graham, and others, has recently been formed to take steps to enforce the law, which it is said will be resisted by the stake-net proprietors, who have taken no steps for the removal of their nets since the bye-laws were passed. At a meeting lately held at Carlisle a subscription list was opened to carry out the purposes of the association, and several handsome sums were subscribed. The association comprises river proprietors in the Eden, Esk, Annan, and Nith.

RABBIT COURSING.

Gip and Nattah.—On Saturday there was a large attendance at the Cardigan Arms enclosure, Kirkstall-road, Leeds, to witness the rabbit coursing match between John Lee's bitch Gip, of Birstal, and R. Speight's dog Nattah, of Batley. In consequence of the dog being some pounds the heavier, the bitch had two dead rabbits allowed in 16 out of 31 courses, for £15 a side and the whole of the rabbits. The dog was admired by all who saw him for his fine symmetry and splendid condition, which caused his trainer to be highly eulogized for the care he had bestowed upon the animal. There was a large amount of betting, which opened at even money—the dog for choice; however, before starting, 6 to 5 was freely laid upon him. The bitch obtained the first course, in which it was evident to all the dog was the swiftest animal, he having caught the rabbit, but let it go again, when the bitch secured it. The dog succeeded in securing the second, the bitch the third, the dog the fourth, the bitch the fifth; the dog then succeeded in securing the next three in succession, which caused the odds to be increased upon him, 5 to 3 being freely laid. The bitch then secured the ninth, tenth, and eleventh rabbits. This caused the backers of the dog to be less sanguine of success, but in the twelfth, thirteenth, and fourteenth courses he was again successful in getting the whole of them, which revived the spirits of his backers, who again freely backed him at 5 to 4. The bitch then obtained the fifteenth and the dog the sixteenth courses. The dog having now, as he had previously done, required the two rabbits given by him. However, he was again doomed to lose them, for the bitch again succeeded in getting the next three courses in succession, which caused the bitch to be one ahead, having obtained seven courses and the two given her. The dog then obtained the twentieth, twenty-first, and twenty-second courses. The bitch then fortunately obtained the next four courses, thereby winning the match, amid the cheers and throwing of hats and caps of her partisans. Although the dog was the swiftest animal, he had not the tact and shiftiness in securing the rabbits which the bitch exhibited. We are informed this was the first match the dog ever ran at rabbits, and no doubt with practice he will improve. This was the first rabbit coursing match which has been run at these grounds this season. The rabbits were all excellent runners, and afforded abundance of sport sufficient to satisfy any reasonable sportsman for one afternoon.

H. Atkinson's dog Punch of Clayton and A. Foster's bitch Music of Wibsey Bank are matched to run the best of 21 courses, for £20 a side, on the Prince of Wales Ground, Pudsey, neither to exceed 12lb, to come off on Oct. 17. Mr. Linley to be stakeholder and referee. To start at one o'clock.

WRESTLING.

E. Meadowcroft of Starnel, near Bury, and J. Dukes (alias Naylor) of Cow Clough have signed articles to wrestle, for £15 a side, Lancashire fashion, two back falls out of three, at Mr. A. Hine's, the Masons' Arms, Bolton-street, Bury, on Oct. 22, to be in the ring at three o'clock. A. Hine stakeholder.

G. Maxwell of Liverpool will wrestle any man in Liverpool, for £50 a side, in the Cumberland and Westmoreland style, to come off in one month from making the match. A match can be made by applying to G. W. Robinson, Stanley Arms, 46, London-road, Liverpool.

AQUATICS.

CHALLENGES AND DEPOSITS.

The Proprietors of this Paper will feel obliged by the earliest information of all challenges being sent to our office, 162, Fleet-street. The Proprietors also beg to intimate that they will be happy to become Stakeholders, *and that all* Deposits must be sent to 162, Fleet-street, *which will be immediately acknowledged through the columns of this paper, and will be paid over to the winners with as little delay as possible. The Proprietors will hold themselves* personally responsible for all Deposits *forwarded to them.*

TIDE TABLE.

Day of Month and Week.	High Water Lon. Bridge.		High Water Liverpl. Dock.		High Water at Bristol.		High Water at Hull.	
	Morn.	Aftrn.	Morn.	Aftrn.	Morn.	Aftrn.	Morn.	Aftrn.
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Saturday, Sept. 24 ...	8 8	8 51	4 48	5 23	0 43	1 18	noon	.....
Sunday „ 25 ...	9 32	10 12	6 6	6 47	2 1	2 42	0 44	1 25
Monday, „ 26 ...	10 53	11 28	7 27	8 8	3 22	4 3	2 5	2 46
Tuesday, „ 27 ...	noon	.....	8 43	9 15	4 38	5 10	3 21	3 53
Wednesday „ 28 ...	0 24	0 44	9 39	9 59	5 34	5 54	4 17	4 37
Thursday „ 29 ...	1 5	1 24	10 30	10 49	6 26	6 45	5 12	5 31
Friday „ 30 ...	1 42	1 57	10 57	11 12	6 52	7 7	5 35	5 50
Saturday, October 1 ...	2 12	2 29	11 27	11 44	7 22	7 39	6 5	6 22

MATCHES TO COME

SEPTEMBER.

24. Excelsior Boat Club—Eights, Putney to Barnes
26. Temple Yacht Club—Closing Trip
26. Barker and Conlay—to row at Woolwich, £10 a side

OCTOBER.

1. London Rowing Club, eights
1. Twickenham Rowing Club, eights
1. Nautilus Rowing Club, fours, club prizes
2. South London Rowing Club—Eights, Putney to Mortlake
4. Russell and Wallineer—to row from Putney to Mortlake, £25 a side.

PROPOSED MILE MATCH BETWEEN CHAMBERS AND COOPER FOR £1,000.

Whatever may be the public notions as to the termination of the late champion match, we fear Cooper and a minority of his backers entertain the conviction that another mile match would prove disastrous to the champion. Monday last being settling day, the whole of the principal sportsmen, as usual, met at the Golden Tiger, Pilgrim-street, Newcastle, where the bets on both the boat race and the Leger were handed over, and, as may be readily imagined, the chief topic of conversation was relative to the disputed abilities of the aquatic heroes. The discussion was kept up with considerable warmth, and ended so far that £20 was posted by Mr. James H. Baird, of the Star Hotel, for Chambers, to pull one mile, for £500 a side. The opposition nibbled at the bait, and Mr. R. Sterling, Fighting Cock Inn, handed over a like amount on behalf of Cooper. So far matters went on smoothly. Pens, ink, and paper were obtained, and the latter gentleman undertook to consummate the articles; he had begun the task but failed to complete it, and after a little persuasion the subject was deferred to a future day. That the men will be matched is well known. Both sides are apparently willing to go on, and most likely we shall have the pleasure of chronicling the completion of the match in our next.

HARRY CLASPER AND JAMES PERCY FOR £200

This important match is all in order, and thus early has caused rather astonishing excitement in the district. On Monday last both parties assembled at Blakey's Hotel, having a few minutes previous completed Cooper and Clasper's match at the Sun Inn, and posted in conformity with the agreement, £20 a side making in all £25 a side in the hands of the stakeholder, the room was very full, and not a few felt justly astonished at Percy risking so large a sum, he never having pulled a match off of any sort. There was no betting whatever, the company assembled at about 9.30 p.m., and dispersed a few minutes afterwards. Mr. Hanson posted for Percy, and Mr. Cochran for Clasper. The race will take place on October 25th next.

TEASDALE WILSON, AND THOMAS MATFIN, FOR ONE HUNDRED SOVS.

The third deposit of £15 a side, making £30 a side down, was duly made on this match, on Monday evening last, at Mr. Jamieson's, Phœnix Inn, Newgate-street. Very little interest was taken in the proceedings, Mr. John Adamsacted for Wilson, and the host for Matfin. Only one bet worth noticing on the event, was made between J. H. Baird, Star Hotel, and Mr. J. Bagnall, Wheat Sheaf Inn, on Monday afternoon last, at Mr. Heslop's, Golden Tiger, when the former gentleman laid an even £50 that Wilson, notwithstanding the disadvantage at the start, won the race. The race will take place on Monday forenight. Both men are in strict training, Wilson under S. Percy, at Dunston, and Matfin has the valuable services of the over verdant Harry Clasper. We have noticed the sculling particularly, and from what we have witnessed Wilson appears to be the best to select.

JOHN H. CLASPER AND R. COOPER, MATCHED FOR ONE MILE.

The axiom that it never rains but it pours is being wonderfully verified in boating circles, on the Tyne. The early part of the season, when the weather was suitable for aquatic matches, was dull without parallel; but now, when the stormy west winds almost daily terrify the poor penny sculler men with its fury, a match-making mania has very plainly taken possession of professional carsmen and their backers, and it is rather difficult to decide when the agitation will cease, of course we do our best to extend all sports and we are particularly gratified with the pluck and determination displayed by our Tyneside readers. Boating is useful in two senses, physically and scientifically and by all means let so pleasing a recreation be acknowledged and matured as its importance deserves. Three matches are on the tapis, the last of the two being between the above great rowers. Cooper staking 50l. to Clasper's 25l. that he beats him one mile in skiffs on the Tyne. The match was first mooted at Mr. Nanson's, Sun Inn, on Saturday evening last, when Mr. Lance Jobbing, of Swalwal, readily accepted the proffered odds of 2 to 1 on the match. £10 and £5 were immediately posted, both parties agreeing to arrange the articles at the same house, on Monday last. The second meeting accordingly took place before a very large attendance, Cooper being present. The writing of the articles occupied a tedious time, parties only indirectly interested in the race made themselves conspicuous by their interference; in the long run, however, the following was agreed to:—"That the contest take place on October 26th next, the *Daily Journal* to be the stakeholder, the second deposit of £10 o £5 to be made at Harry Clasper's, Clasper Hotel, Scotswood Road, to September 26. A similar amount at Mr. Brown's, Battery Inn, on October 3; to repeat the dose on the 10th October, at Blakey's, Adelaide Hotel, and the final deposit to be made good at Harry Clasper's on oOctober 17. The distance to be from the Bridge to Clark's Gates, opposite the Tyne—one mile. Mr. Nanson signed for Cooper, and Mr. Jobbing for Clasper. It is right to add that Mr. Jobbing specially visited Johnny at Durham, on Monday last, and at once obtained that celebrity's sanction to proceed with the match. The expected race has already caused much excitement in Newcastle, the general opinion being that Cooper is sure to come off victorious this time. We will not make any remarks on the men, but this we will make known, that the public must not put any great faith in Clasper's late performances; his meeting with Cooper at Durham, especially the issue of the match must not be looked at too lightly, the race will unmistakeably be a clipping one, and we will, as usual, keep our readers well posted with the latest and best information. There was no betting, not a single offer being made.

MATCH ON THE WEAR FOR £50 AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Wear, more famed for its monster ship-building yards and

colossal glass works than for boating combats, was alive from early morn on Saturday last, in expectation of the great match between Thomas Appleby and George Young, in skiffs, for £25 a side and the championship. Several weeks have elapsed since the men were finally matched, and the interest manifested from first to last has more reminded us of a pending struggle for premier honours than for the satisfaction of mere victory, and the simple title of chief of a comparatively unthought-of river. Antecedent to the present race, very few matches of consequence have been suitable, the course is not secure, the river be too narrow, and there are various obstructions and obstacles not to be sneered at by those wishful of completing a three mile journey without difficulty, and in safety. Appleby and Young are old rivals; they have shared fortune and reverse in former struggles, but it is typical of Sunderland perseverance that defeat is not interpreted as conquered, in proof of which the present match is a good augury. On the 8th of August, 1863, they met on the Tyne, in Clasper's sculler boats, for 40 sovs, distance, from the Shot Tower to Scotswood Suspension-bridge, three miles. The weather on the occasion was boisterous, and the water lumpy and unsettled. Young, for protection, chose the extreme south of the river, and he was never in the race, Appleby winning by 110 yds easily. This defeat did not satisfy the loser's partisans, and a second match resulted, which came off over the same course for a similiar stake, a week after, or on the 15th, the only difference in the arrangement being that Young was allowed his choice of boats. Appleby started the favourite at 2 to 1, but a good race ended in his being defeated by 18 yds; thus, as far as performance was noted, the rivals stood equal. The principals, after these exhibitions of ability, as far as we understand, have remained shelved, the customary challenging, however, resulted in the skiff match, and we must express our regret at the unexpected and unfortunate termination. On Saturday Appleby maintained his position as favourite, no, one, however, seemed inclined to speculate in favour of Young, 5 to 4 was the current quotation. In the absence of Mr. William Oldham, Mr. Jewitt, of Dunston, Gateshead, officiated as referee. Young pulled in the Admiral, Gillender of the latter place owner, Appleby shewing in the Sir William Armstrong, the property of the celebrated sculler, Robert Cooper. The course was from the Graving Dock to Hylton Ferry, perhaps three miles. Young won the toss, and chose the north side, Appleby appearing well in the centre of the river. A skiff match is an unusual sight to be seen on the Wear, a fact easily accounting for the large number of spectators who thronged both sides of the river, a good number of sportsmen also arrived from Newcastle and other towns in the neighbourhood. The appearance of the men as they sat their frail barques was pretty in the extreme, care had evidently been displayed to bring them to the meredian of physical perfection, and a cursory glance was all that was necessary to set the mind at ease as to determination and the kill or die expression of the opponents. Some trifling delay occurred at the start, only for the second, however, as, and as if actuated by one impulse, their sculls dipped, and the race, which was fated to terminate so quickly and lamentably, began under favourable auspices, Young had the best side, and aware of the advantage he began to work with a will prophetical of something better than he received a short distance further on the journey. Appleby was also remarkably handy with the sculls, and he worked so advantageously that, after pulling a few strokes on equal terms, he gradually showed in front, and afterwards gradually and surely left Young in the rear. At this point, perhaps not more than 300 yds had been covered, the latter forfeited his chance of winning. Unconscious of the obstacles of the past, and mindful only of the necessity of collaring Appleby, he pulled right and straight ahead; the spectators shouted unavailingly, and in another second Young, in much the style as the champion, Chambers, ran with full force into a buoy, and in a jiffey he, poor fellow, was disenjoying a comfortless bath, much against his will it may be imagined, the truth was he had upset, and the race was all over. The mishap benefited Appleby, who took the remaining two and three-quarter miles easily, and received the stakes. Another match must accrue; let the next match be pulled on the Tyne, the latter, with all its faults, is much the better place.

KEW ROYAL REGATTA.

Kew, one of the most delightful of the little towns on the Thames was, on Monday last, the scene of some rejoicing, consequent upon the holding of the regatta under the management of Mr. Joseph Wise. The peculiar adaptability of the place for aquatic diplays was never more apparent than when under the auspices of a brilliant autumn sun, the annual water festival was celebrated. The river was well dotted over with boats of every description, and the sports were witnessed by a very large number of holiday-keepers. The constant arrival of steamer having the usual freights of visitors to the Garden adding not a little to the gaiety of the scene. The following is the return of the races, which we are pleased to say passed off with considerable *eclat*:—

Landsmen's Sculling Race.

First heat: R. Ledger, 1; G. Square, 2; R. Surman, 0. Won by a length.

Second heat: G. Smith, 1; R. Pigott, 2; W. Wood, 0. Won by four lengths.

Final heat: Smith, 1; Ledger, 2; Square, 3. Good race. Won by two lengths.

Watermen's Double Sculls.

First heat: S. Wise and A. Iles, 1; R. Wise and T. Cresswell, 2; G. Williams and W. Mancey, 0. Won by four lengths.

Second heat: W. Hazell and W. Keegan, 1; J. Cripps and J. Creig, 2; T. Smith and G. Gadney, 0. Won by three lengths.

Final heat: Wise and Iles, 1; Wise and Cresswell, 2; Hazell and Keegan, 0. Won, after a splendid race, by eight lengths.

Boys' Race.

M. Allen, 1; J. Keegan, 2; H. Wise, 3. Won by two lengths.

SCULLERS' RACE BETWEEN M. SCOTT AND J. BRISTOW, FOR £20.

North Woolwich to Limehouse Hole is not, on the whole, the most desirable part of the river for the satisfactory testing of scullers' powers—the constant wash of the steamers, the contact with unwieldy barges, the occasional appearance of some mammoth outward-bound ship from the London Docks, making the course anything but an agreeable one; nevertheless, it was selected by the above-named heroes, on Monday last, for their trial of skill. Scott is well known in the north of England, and Joseph Bristow is of Blackwall; both are landsmen. Mr. Heath, of Greenwich, having been appointed referee, the men got to work, Scott having the best station. After rowing level for half a mile, Scott took a powerful lead, and his opponent was swamped and taken on board the steamboat, but afterwards put into his boat again and rowed the distance. Scott came in half a mile ahead. Mr. Thompson was Scott's umpire, and Mr. Hale for Bristow.

THAMES ROWING CLUB.

The gentlemen of this club rowed a four-oared race on Saturday from Hammersmith to Putney, as under:—

Messrs Byrne, Howell, Gore, Kipling; Applegarth (coxswain) 1
Messrs Ehrenfest, Bremmer, Bradbury, Talbot; Fisher (coxswain)... 2
Messrs Hunt, Dands, Robertson, Catly; Fisher (coxswain)..... 0
Messrs Tubbs, Sullens, Dwelley, Hoar; Dwelley (coxswain) 0

A very fine race was maintained from the start to the Soap Works, where Hoar led, but soon after was passed by all the others, falling last. Kipling and Talbot were hard at it all the way, and the race was won by half a length; two lengths between second and third.

SOUTHPORT REGATTA.

This regatta took place on Saturday last under the most favourable circumstances. The weather was of the best, a clear sky with a light wind from the W.S.W. in the morning, succeeded by a calmer period, after which some dark clouds arose, and the breze freshened. Later again the clouds rolled off, and the afternoon was very fine, the wind then blowing from the west. The strength of the flood accompanying one of the highest spring tides of the year was somewhat against the earlier races, and delayed the start. The pier, which was very gay with many coloured flags, was crowded all day, and the promenade was lined by pleasure-seekers. The people saw the yachts and the fishing boats start in the several races, and a very pretty sight it was. But not one in a hundred could know what boat came in first. Two or three steamers plying about, and smaller craft almost innumerable, gave increased animation to the scene; but their frequent passing between the pier and the flagship (which was moored off the head of the pier) prevented anyone being certain of distinguishing the winner. It would be a good plan, and we would commend it to the consideration of the committee for another year, to run up a flag on the starters' boat when the winner comes in, and to fire as many guns as is the number of the winner in the official programme. The plan of firing the winner's number is adopted at some regattas, and it gives every person the most accurate information. There should be a different coloured flag for each race, the colour to be named on the programme; and the winner's signal on the flag-ship should be communicated to those on the pier and the shore by a similar flag raised on the pier. The starters on Saturday were Captain W. Ball and Mr. Whiteside. Admiral Barton officiated as judge.

The programme announced fourteen races, an unusually large bill of fare. The yachts and sailing boats were started about eleven o'clock, and the first of the rowing matches commenced shortly afterwards. In the following details of the several contests, the time given in the time races does not represent the period occupied in the race, but the actual moment at which the boats passed the flagship on their return:—

The Pier Company's Cup, value £25, for yachts of 15 to 30 tons. Open to all comers. Time race. Entrance, 10s. 6d.

Name.	Tons.	Owner	Time. h. m. s.
Queen (R.M.Y.C.)	27	C. Richardson	3 3 50
Surprise (R.M.Y.C.)	19	A. Wood	3 12 15

The course was from the flagship southwards, round certain vessels and back again, a distance of about 25 miles. There had been three entries, but Mr. Gibbons withdrew his yacht. The winner had undertaken to allow six minutes to her smaller competitor, and notwithstanding the allowance, The Queen won easily, and came in in gallant style.

A Cup, presented by members of the Southport Club, value £15; second prize, £5; for yachts of 15 tons and under. Open to all comers. Time race. Entrance 10s. 6d.

Six yachts entered, but the Mary Louisa, of Fleetwood, did not start. The course was the same as in the former race.

Annie (Lytham)	11	W. Paley	2 21 45
Camelia (Southport)	10	E. Whiteside	2 27 50
Tomtit (Preston)	8	T. Dawson	2 29 35

The Camelia lost her topmast and sail before she rounded the distance ship, or she would have been a nearer second, if not, as many thought, the winner. Allowing the usual half minute per ton for the difference of tonnage between her and the Tomtit, she still held the second place by 45 sec.

The Southport Cup, value £5, with a money prize of £12 added; second prize, £7 10s.; for trawl boats, 60 tons and under, registered tonnage. Open to all comers. Time race. Entrance, 5s.

Farmer (Fleetwood)	39	——	3 44 55
Elizabeth (Fleetwood)	38	T. Leadbetter	3 51 55
Isabella (Southport)	32	W. Spencer	4 2 55
Margaret Agnes (Fleetwood)	33	T. Leadbetter	4 11 40

Six trawls started, and one turned back. The course was the same as in the proceeding races. The Farmer had an easy victory.

The Tradesmen's Cup, value £5, with a money prize of £7 10s. added; second prize, £5; for herring boats, 12 tons and under. Time race. Open to all comers. Entrance 5s.

Gentle Annie (Fleetwood)	H Green	2 45 20
Wonder (Liverpool)	S. Shaw	2 45 40
Sir Walter Scott (Fleetwood)	M. Scott	2 47 40
Secret (Southport)	T. Rimmer	2 52 20

Eight boats started for this prize, and after a keen contest the Friends' Good-will, of Southport, belonging to Ralph Peters, came in first, and was timed at 2h 36m 50s. But it was subsequently ascertained, by the protests of the next boats' crews, that she had not been round the distant boat, and, therefore, she was necessarily disqualified. This made Gentle Annie the winner, and her crew, and that of the third boat made a united protest against the Sir Walter Scott for carrying an excess of crew. The second place, therefore, awaits the decision of the Committee.

Shrimp Boats, for Southport, Marshside, and Banks Boats, keel 23ft and under. First prize, £5; second prize, £2. Entrance, 5s.

Teazer (Marshside)	R. Wright 1
Mail (Marshside)	H. Blundell 2
John Henry (Marshside)	H. Halsall 3

The Mail won her place by a very clever manœuvre. The John Henry was actually in advance of her as the two sailed along the port side of the flagship. But the winner was she who passed the stern of the flagship first, and the Mail being inside tacked most dexterously, and so ran across a head of her competitors by a yard or two. This ingenious movement was heartily cheered.

Southport Pleasure Boats; first prize, £5; second, £2. Entrance, 5s.

Sarah Ann, R. Hodge	1
Cæsar, W. Rockliff	2
Manchester, R. Ball	3

It was intended that this prize should be contested in two classes; but as there were only two entries in the first class there was no race. In the second class four ran. The first made some good sailing, and ran in a head of the second by between two and three minutes. The other two had so tight a race for the last quarter of a mile, that the Cæsar only won her place by half a boat's length.

A Cup, value £10, for four-oared gigs, keel 24ft and under, and not less than 4ft 9in in beam, to be rowed and steered by gentlemen amateurs resident in Southport. Entrance 5s.

Dread—Crew, H. Harrison (owner), T. Horridge, H. Mayhew, E. H. Harrison; coxswain, — Rowlandson	1
Corsair—G. Mercer, J. Salthouse, E. Salthouse, T. Turvey; coxswain, T. Salthouse	2

The course in the rowing matches was for the most part from the flag-ship towards the shore, and back alongside the pier, until the receding tide compelled the racers to pull round some fishing smacks lying at anchor northwards. There were four competitors for this cup, which was rowed for in heats. In the first heat the Dread won against the Corsair, and in the second the Tory got the first place from the Helen. For the final heat the crew of the Tory chose to pull in the Corsair, a lighter boat. On the first start the Corsair was fouled by a yacht that very stupidly sailed across the course. Another start was made, and after a close contest the Dread won only by about 40secs.

The Artisans' Cup, for four-oared gigs. First prize, a cup and £1; second prize, a cup and 10s. Entrance, 2s. 6d.

Tory, E. Rockliff	1
Helen, R. Rimmer	2

Three started, but the Lizzie, being short of an oar, had borrowed one that was too long to pull with the other three, and after rowing a few yards she returned. The Helen's crew made a gallant pull, and came in a close second to the winning boat.

Four-oared Gigs, 22ft and under, not less than 4ft 9in beam. First prize, £5; second prize, £1. Entrance, 2s. 6d.

Tory (whale boat), G. Rockliff	1
Alexandra, W. Rockliff	2
Helen, R. Rimmer	0

The winner—who competed in several races, and came in first more than once—was a minute and 40 seconds ahead of the second on the return.

Pair-oared Gigs, 15ft and under. First prize, £2; second prize, 15s. Entrance, 2s.

Three gigs were entered, but only two competed, and one of these, the Comet, relinquished the race on approaching the flagship. The Elizabeth Ann, of Marshside, belonging to R. Wright, took the first prize.

Four-oared Gigs, any size. First prize, £4; second prize, £1. Entrance, 2s. 6d.

Tory, G. Rockliff	1
Corsair, J. Whitehead	2

Four boats started, the Dread springing ahead from the first. But a steamer which slowly crossed the course compelled the Dread to alter her direction, and so she only passed outside three instead of four fishing boats. Therefore, although she came in first she was disqualified, and the second boat, the Tory, won the prize.

Pair-oared Gigs, any size. First prize, £2; second prize, 15s. Entrance, 2s.

Three boats ran, and the Prince of Wales came in first, Corsair second, and Tory third.

A sculling match had been announced, but no boats presented themselves. There were two duck hunts, both won by the ducks, who, however, jumped into the water for the amusement of the spectators. The festivities were closed by a display of fireworks at dusk.

PRINCE OF WALES' YACHT CLUB.

The above club finished a very prosperous season by a trip of yachts in company, on Saturday afternoon, from Blackwall down to Green hithe and back to Erith, the commodore Mr. G. Harrison's flag being hoisted on board his beautiful screw yacht the Nora Creina, in the wake of which was the Will o' the Wisp, Alexandra, and other craft The usual dinner afterwards took place at the Pier Hotel, where the commodore was faced by the vice, Mr. Cecil Long, and Mr. Arcedeckne, commodore of the Royal London Yacht Club, and other gentlemen of celebrity in the yachting world were present.

The principal toast of the evening—"Prosperity to the Prince of Wales' Yacht Club," was given by the Commodore, who congratulated the club upon its present position, and upon the great amount of sport they had afforded during the year, and pointed out to them that a compliment had been conferred upon them by their being requested to conduct the great and important match amongst barge-owners. He hoped for the advancement of nautical science that that race would be repeated, and he was sure they would be happy to take charge of it again. He said it must be manifest to all men experienced in yachting, that the Prince of Wales' Yacht Club was a first-class nursery for that science. He could speak from his own personal experience, that the best yachting men were those who began with small craft in such a club as that, and then became possessed of larger when they had acquired the necessary amount of skill and experience. He concluded by expressing a hope that the day would come when they would receive the patronage of the noble Prince whose name they bore.

Dr. Bain proposed "The Health of Mr. Harrison" with a deserved panegyric upon his urbanity as a gentleman, and his spirit and energy as a yachting man.

The Commodore returned thanks, acknowledging the compliment paid him, and expressing the gratification he should feel in being at all times of service to the club.

Mr. B. Knibbs proposed "The Health of Mr. Cecil Long, the Vice-Commodore," with a becoming allusion to his excellence as an officer, and his spirit as a yachtsman.

Mr. Long having responded in appropriate words, the health of the officers and some other toasts followed, and the evening passed with much conviviality.

THE GLASGOW REGATTA.

The complete nnmber of the races advertised not having been run on Saturday 10th instant, the regatta was resumed on last Saturday. The day having proved much more propitious than the preceding, the proceedings were witnessed by a much larger multitude of people, who continued to make themselves interested in all that occurred up to a late hour in the evening. Yet, although every exertion was made by Mr. J. B. M'Neil and those acting with him to bring the business of the present year's regatta to a close, a few heats still remain to be run. The reason of this is to be found in the fact that the Dumbarton Regatta taking place on the same day, and many of the crews engaged in the Glasgow Regatta having been obliged to appear at Dumbarton, the consequence was that the latter was rather late of beginning, and the intervals between the several races being much more lengthy than might have been the case. Last Saturday's proceedings, however, were completely successful as far as they went, and the manner in which the arrangements were made and carried out by Mr. M'Neil, despite the many disadvantages he was obliged to overcome, reflect on him a very great degree of credit. The proceedings commenced by the final heat for the

Esquimaux Canoe Race.—First prize, a silver watch, value 3l. with 10s. added; second, 15s. and handsome breast pin; third, 10s.; fourth, 5s.; fifth, 2s. 6d.

Final heat.

Barclay Slip (John M'Gilvery)	1
Lass o'Gowrie (Wilkie)	2
Esquimaux (John Crawford)	3

Immediately after starting, the Lass o'Gowrie took the lead, which she held till M'Neil's turn. At this point the Lass o'Gowrie would have been about two lengths in advance of the Barclay's Slip when she came into contact with a sunken sand boat near. The delay occasioned by this unlooked-for accident enabled the Barclay's Slip to get a head, and come in first by about two boat's lengths.

City Plate, in Specie, £2 10s. The winner to give 15s. to the second and 5s. to the third boats. To be pulled in two-oared 27ft. gigs that have or will pull four oars at this regatta.

First Heat.

Blue Bonnet (E. M'Lachlan, stroke)	1
Juniper (R. Fyfe, stroke)	2

The Blue Bonnet took the lead and came in first by about two boat lengths. The race was a good one. The second and final heats remain to be run.

Palmerston Cup, value 15 sovs., being Silver Cup, value £8, with £6 7s. 6d. in specie added. The winner to give £2 to second, £1 5s. to third, 15s. to fourth, 7s. 6d. to fifth boats. To be pulled in four-oared 23ft. jolly-boats, under 4ft. beam, at present built for hiring. Open to the several trades and second-class crews.

Final Heat.

Roe (J. Hendry, stroke)	1
Fox (W. Gilmour, stroke)	2

Club Stakes, value 10 sovs, being four massive gold rings for first prize, handsome breast-pins for second, and breast-pins for third prize. To be pulled in four-oared 23ft jolly-boats. Open to the club and all rowers at this regatta.

First Heat.

Fire Fly (J. B. M'Neil, stroke)	1
Elk (W. Brown, stroke)	2

This was one of the best contested races throughout the whole regatta. Immediately after starting the Fire Fly took the lead by about half a boat's length, and so keen was the competition that she never gained more during the whole course of the race. Towards the turning point, indeed, it seemed as if the Elk would have been ultimately the winner, and the excitement was great.

Second Heat.

Go-ahead (G. Paterson, stroke)	1
Lynx (J. Stewart, stroke)	2

This also was a well contested race, neither for some time after starting appearing to take the lead. The race was, however, won by about two boats length.

Third Heat.

Harvest (H. Watson, stroke)	1

This was a walk-over race, as the Bonnie Jean did not make an appearance at all.

The final heat remains to be contested.

The Greased Pole.—As on the preceeding day's sport a pole was erected, well greased upon the upper part, to which a leg of mutton was attached, the oft-repeated and oft-failing attempts to obtain which formed no small amount of diversion to the crowds who lounged around it. The prize was at last gained by a youth about seven o'clock who was well applauded in consequence.

DUMBARTON ANNUAL REGATTA.

Dumbarton Regatta, a meeting of annual recurrence for a number of years past, took place on Saturday, on the Leven, with a success which, we hope for the sake of the promotion of aquatic sports in that quarter, will add much-needed vitality to an institution which lately has certainly failed to maintain its ancient prestige. There may have been more than one cause for the retrogression; but we do not think the arrangements of the committee to whom were entrusted the management had anything to do with the comparative failure of the regattas, and the consequent dissatisfaction of those ladies and gentlemen who contributed to the funds. But there can be no doubt that the excessive rivalry and hostile feeling which at one time existed between certain leading crews on the Leven and different parts of the Clyde who attended these meetings, and the many foulings, disputes, and continual grumblings that arose in consequence, discheartened and discouraged all who interested themselves in the proceedings. Such a state of matters would seem now, fortunately, to have ended, and to the subscribers it must be satisfactory to know that the result of the regatta on Saturday was such as to leave room for nothing but congratulation—there was not a single hitch in the day's proceedings no fouling, no disputation, but the utmost harmony and good feeling prevailed amongst the contesting crews. We trust, under these circumstances, that Dumbarton will again ere long take a foremost place in the regatta meetings of the West of Scotland. The weather on Saturday was excellent, and it was not till the last race was about to be started that rain began to fall, and thus partly dispurse the spectators, who, throughout the entire day, were very

numerous. Owing to the recent heavy rains, the Leven was somewhat swollen, and that, with a strong south-west wind which was blowing, made the rowing occasionally very heavy. Indeed during some parts of the day, the water was so rough that the course had to be altered, it being found almost impossible for the tiny craft engaged to round Leven perch. The Bonhill instrumental band was in attendance, and between the races played a variety of popular music in an exceedingly creditable manner. Captain Borland acted as Commodore; Mr. Malcolm M'Gregor officiated as judge; and Mr. John Patrick discharged the duties of starter very efficiently and impartially. The system of starting adopted by the Clydesdale Amateur Club was used on this occasion. Three boats, in which youths were stationed, were moored equi-distant in the river, and the sterns of the competing craft were held close to the moored boats till the signal to start was given. This is a most satisfactory and impartial method. We subjoin the races, which on the whole were well contested:—

Merchants' Cup.—In specie, value six pounds. First prize, 3l.; second, 2l.; third, 1l. To be competed for in four-oared 23ft jolly boats, not less than 4ft 6in beam, by apprentices belonging to the Burgh.

Star of Lennox, Dumbarton (D. Cullen, stroke) 1
Blair Athol, Dumbarton (W. Brocas, stroke) 2
General Peel, Dumbarton (J. Rodger, stroke) 3

This race, in which four started, was somewhat wide. The fourth boat, the Water Lilly, Dumbarton, gave up before reaching the buoys.

A race in four-oared 27ft gigs for the Dumbarton Challenge Cup, with 5l. in specie added for first prize; second, 2l.; third, 1l.

Surge, Glasgow (W. Paterson, stroke) 1
Lennox Lass, Dumbarton (W. Paxton, stroke) 2
Black Cock, Glasgow (R. Campbell, stroke) 3
Surf, Glasgow (W. Frazer, stroke) 4

This was a capital race indeed, and the cup was gallantly won by the Surge. It requires to be won two years in succession by the same crew. This has been done by Paterson's corps, so that it is now the property of the Surge. At a later period of the day, when the crew were leaving for Glasgow in the steamer, they placed the coxswain on one of the paddle-boxes with the shining cup on his head, and when the vessel was leaving the quay, the prize was raised aloft in triumph, as if to tantalise the people of Dumbarton by showing them that their challenge cup was leaving the burgh for good and all.

A Race in 10ft. Punts (without outriggers). First prize, 10s.; second, 5s.; third, 2s. 6d.

Nettle, Dumbarton, N. Douglas 1
Water Lily, Dumbarton, J. Gillies 2

This race was for a time well contested, but Douglas reached the goal fully two lengths before Gillies. Two other boats, the Red Rover and the Star, were entered, but did not come forward.

A Race in Two-oared 23ft jolly boats, not less than 4ft 6in beam. To be pulled by junior rowers. First prize, £1 10s.; second, 10s.

Scottish Chief, Leven, N. Smith, J. M'Phail 1
Blair Athol, Dumbarton, W. Brocas, W. Roger 2
Star of Lennox, Dumbarton, D. Colgan, D. Cullen ... 3

This was one of the most exciting races of the day, the winning boat, when home was reached, not leading by more than one foot. Blair Athol was exceedingly well rowed. The Dart, Helensburgh, started, but did not return to the commodore's barge.

A Race in Two-oared 27ft gigs that have or will be pulled by four-oars at this regatta. First prize, £2; second, 10s.

Surge, Glasgow, G. Paterson, D. Cameron 1
Lennox Lass, Dumbarton, W. Paxton, G. M'Taggart 2
Sea Foam, Glasgow, H. Murray, P. Docharty 3

A close race. The Black Cock, Glasgow, was entered, but did not start.

Sculling Match—First prize, 15s.; second, 5s.

Garibaldi, Leven, W. Carlisle 1
Red Lion, Dumbarton, J. Erskine 2
Alice, Dumbarton, W. Logan 3

Out of seven entries five boats started. Carlyle won easily.

Volunteer Stakes.—Value six sovs, being four handsome gold rings for first prize; and four elegant gold scarf pins for second prize. To be competed for in four-oared 23ft jolly boats, not less than 4ft beam, by Members of the Dumbartonshire Rifle Volunteers. Each crew must belong to one company, but more than one crew may enter from each corps. Competitors must bring with them a certificate of efficiency from their commanding officer.

No. 6 Company, Dumbarton, G. M'Taggart, stroke ... 1
No. 1 Company, Helensburg, H. Neil, stroke 2

So far as we know, it was at Lochlomond Regatta where the novelty of rowing matches for Volunteers was introduced. The idea seems to have been adopted at Dumbarton, and with some success, for this was a really excellent race, the two boats keeping closely together over the whole course. No. 4 Company, Jamestown, started, but gave up on the downward journey.

Ladies' Cup, being silver cup value 20 sovs, with four splendid presentation goblets valued at 6 sovs; four presentation cups valued at £3, for second prize. To be competed for by gentlemen amateurs in four-oared 23ft jolly boats, not less than 4ft beam.

Cronies, Clydesdale Club, Glasgow; Lindsay, stroke 1
Charles Howarth, Phœnix Club, Glasgow; W. Taylor stroke 2
Pearl, Glasgow; J. Finlayson, stroke 3

For this race the Alligator, Glasgow, was likewise entered, but the crew did not come forward. For a short distance after the start the three competing boats kept almost bow for bow, but the Pearl soon showed a disposition to bring up the rear, which it did. Between the Cronies and the Charles Howarth the race was good, though no doubt the Cronies in the end won easily. It should be mentioned that though bearing the name of the Charles Howarth, and belonging to the Phœnix Club, Glasgow, this boat was not entered by the crew who carried off the Amateur Champion Cup of the Clyde at the late Clydesdale Regatta. As the Cronies were also in that race, it is necessary that this explanation should be made.

A Race in Four-oared 23ft jolly boats, not less than 4ft 6in beam, to be pulled by junior rowers. First prize, £3; second, £1 10s; third, 10s.

Blair Athol, Dumbarton (W. Brocas, stroke) 1
Star of Lennox, Dumbarton (D. Cullen, stroke) 2
Scottish Chief, Loven (N. Smith, stroke) 3

This was a very keenly contested race, the Blair Athol crew not gaining their position by more than about one length. This is, we understand, quite a new crew, having only been together a very short time, and having had almost no practice. They made a very creditable appearance, indeed, at this regatta, and should they agree to "go in" for rowing, and work well for a season or two, they will yet be heard of.

A Race with Punts, not exceeding 16 feet (no outriggers allowed). First prize, 15s.; second, 5s.

General Peel, Leven, J. M'Keehnie 1
Thormanby, Leven, J. Cassidy 2

A very good race. A third boat started but gave up. A fourth which was entered did not come forward to compete.

Volunteer Plate—Value three sovereigns, being two handsome presentation goblets for first prize; and two elegant gold scarf pins for second prize. To be competed for by members of the Dumbartonshire Rifle Volunteers in two-oared 23ft jolly boats, not less than 4ft beam. Conditions same as in the former volunteer race.

No. 6 Company, Dumbarton, J. Armour, G. M'Taggart 1
No. 4 Company, Jamestown, J. Duncan, B. M'Auslan... 2
No. 1 Company, Helensburgh, J. Burnet, G. Jardine... 3

This concluded the regatta, which, as we have already mentioned, was excellent and satisfactory.

ROYAL BOSTON YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

The second regatta this season, under the auspices of the Royal Boston Yacht Club, came off on Monday. The weather was all that could be desired, except that the wind, which blew from the W. at starting, but afterwards shifted to W.N.W., was too light to make the race exciting. The course was about twenty-seven miles, commencing the flag-boat off Freeston. The prizes were 7l., 2l., and 1l., for which the following yachts competed:—Waterwitch, 7 tons (Mr. John Pilley); Fire Fly, 7 tons (Mr. J. L. Fawcett); Vixen, 3 tons (Rev. J. Tunnard). The start was effected in capital style at 9h 12min, the Waterwitch leading, with the Vixen close in her wake. The latter, however, was soon passed by the Fire Fly, but the Waterwitch maintained the lead all round the course. The race finished as follows:—

	H. M. S.		H. M. S.
Waterwitch	2 17 5	Fire Fly	2 21 45

Vixen nearly an hour after.

Scarborough Regatta.—The annual regatta was held here on Friday, the 16th inst., when three valuable silver cups and a number of money prizes were contested for. In the evening a grand display of fireworks was given, by the liberality of G. Salt, Esq., of Methley, universally admitted to be the best affair of the kind that had ever taken place in Scarborough.

Three matches, two for £6, and one for £10, took place on the Tyne on Saturday last, one of them being well contested. As it is impossible for us to be at all parts at once, the principals, if they desire their doings noticed, must keep us posted with reliable information.

A. H. Hill and R. H. Hartley, will row D. Morgan and J. Gilder, with coxswains, when and for what they like, from Vauxhall-bridge to Westminster-bridge

The Testimonial to Robert Chambers.—A meeting of the committee to further this object took place on Tuesday evening at Mr. Anderson's, Half Moon Inn, Mosley-street. In the absence of Mr. J. Cowen, Mr. D. Davis occupied the chair. Mr. Dobson, treasurer, Mr. R. Grey, Mr. Boyd, Mr. G. Armstrong, and Mr. Wright, secretary, took an active part during the proceedings of the evening; and it was unanimously agreed to send subscription sheets to all gentlemen who were likely to take an interest in the promotion of the object. It was also agreed that the various manufactories on the banks of the Tyne be supplied with sheets, and from the flattering reports of the committee present, no doubt the testimonial will soon assume a shape that will bid fair to be unsurpassed by any similar testimonial.

THEATRICAL AND MUSICAL.

Crystal Palace.—On Wednesday last, nearly 13,500 visitors enjoyed the fine weather, the splendid gardens and park, and the varied amusements provided for the great Balloon Festival at the people's palace at Sydenham. Mr. Jackson Haines, the American skater, performed some remarkable evolutions on what he terms the "drawing-room skates." The features of the day were the various experimental and partial ascents, and the grand voyage of Mr. Coxwell's Mammoth Balloon, about half-past four. The balloon, when last seen, was travelling in a north-easterly direction. Mr. Coxwell was accompanied by some scientific friends, whose observations will probably be communicated to the public. In the evening Mr. W. Adams, jun., the Cremorne aeronaut, made a night ascent in the balloon "Mars," with a brilliant display of fireworks. The aeronaut was accompanied by Mr. Richard Sewell, of Lambeth. After an hour's voyage the "Mars" descended at nine o'clock in the Park of Noah Dunnett, Esq., Little Elms, Hornchurch, Essex. The descent was safely effected, and the aerial voyagers have to express their thanks to Mr. A. Evans, of the White Hart, Hornchurch, for his obliging attention, and for conveying them back to town.

Haymarket.—Mr. Buckstone's new season commenced on Monday last, but without the introduction of any new feature. The old comic opera of "The Cattle of Andalusia," supported by Mr. and Madame Weiss, was the first piece. "Friend Waggles" gave Mr. Compton an opportunity of reappearing in one of his best parts; and the ballet of "Baccus and Ariadne" re-introduced the Leclercq family, supported by Miss Annie Adams, a new and promising *danseuse*. Novelties are forthcoming.

Adelphi.—Of Mr. John Oxenford's serio-comic drama, "Stephen Digges," produced here for the first time on the occasion of Mr. Toole's benefit last week, we were in our last number, owing to the proximity of the event to our hour for going to press, able to speak in general terms only. The leading fault in the construction of this serio-comic drama is its extreme repulsiveness; and the subsidiary ones are the want of taste and artistic feeling that pervaded the whole piece. The lights and shades, which, with a little ordinary care—the absence of which in the production of so experienced a playwright as Mr. Oxenford is inexplicable—might have been so blended as to have resulted in a piece worthy of ranking with the same author's "Porter's Knot," are introduced so crudely and inartistically, that while the one misses by its exaggeration being pathetic, and the other from the same cause fails short of being impressive, both succeeded only in attaining the climax of the absurd and preposterous. Stephen Digges in his doting fondness and admiration for his worthless but criminally foolish as they in their heartless cruelty are foolishly and unnaturally criminal. The folly of the one is so stupendous that, when the spectator fights clear of the spell that the actor holds him in, he wonders how he could feel sympathy for so silly an old man; while the criminality of the others, being destitute of any similar counterpoise, appears simply disgusting. Neither phenomena—the blind fondness and the blind wickedness—can unfortunately be said to be absolutely unnatural, for they are undoubtedly possible; but such exceptional monstrosities of nature should be left to the treatment of genius alone. A Shakespeare might turn such to undying account, while men of smaller calibre would succeed only as Mr. Oxenford has succeeded—in tempering its repulsiveness with absurdity. The piece is said to be an adaptation of Balzac's "La Fere Gorier," and the shortcomings of the drama are, therefore, laid to the novelist; but, seeing that Mr. Oxenford himself makes not the slightest acknowledgment of his piece having such a source, he must be held responsible for both subject matter and style of treatment. Mr. Toole has not so good an opportunity for the display of the finer vein of his acting since he appeared as Caleb Plummer, and though the latter was, as a character, more worthy of his genius, Stephen Digges affords him more scope—the which he takes every, even to the extent of miracle, advantage of—than did that character. Mr. Mellon deservedly comes in for a large share of the applause. Truth to tell, she has the best character in the piece, and acquits herself of the responsibility accordingly. Of the reception of the piece we spoke last week. It has been played every night since, and the magnificent acting of Mr. Toole will no doubt suffice to make it a great success. "The Babes in the Wood" and the "Woman of Business" have continued in the bills during the week, the latter, however, gives place to-night to "Who's Your Friend?" revived for the purpose of affording Mr. Webster a character, to-night being that gentleman's benefit, and the last of the season.

Sadler's Wells.—Miss Marriott opened her second winter's season at this house on Saturday last. Since last season various alterations have been made in front of the curtain, and of these it will suffice to say that they—more particularly the substitution in the boxes of comfortable chairs for the narrow seats that were the reverse of comfortable—are well-adapted to the end sought—viz. the comfort of the audience. The talented directress announces her intention of adhering to the Shakspearian and poetic drama as heretofore, and continuing to uphold the traditional fame of the house for the highest class of dramatic art. Her company exhibits an almost entire change from that of last season; but new as, to a great extent, are the ladies and gentlemen comprising it, we think it promises to be a strong company—that is, a working company above the average as a whole. With the exception of herself, the leading man to the super they are respectable, useful actors, each to be relied upon for a fair rendering of the business entrusted to them, and for not bringing ridicule thereon. The pieces put forth on the opening night were Sheridan Knowles's "Love," and Messrs. Beal and Bellingham's burlesque "Arline." On Tuesday and Thursday "Romeo and Juliet" took the place of "Love." Miss Marriott's Juliet is a *morceau* that should be taken with the eyes shut. It lacks nothing that Miss Marriott can give it—and that's saying a great deal. What it is deficient in it is out of the lady's power to give, and that is youthfulness—the extreme youthfulness that is the key to the entire conception. Apart from this, however, the personation was grand in the extreme. Mr. George Melville's Romeo was not so uneven a performance as his Huon, for it was not so good Mr. C. Horsman gave a careful, but still somewhat guarded version of Mercutio. Mr. W. H. Drayton's Friar Lawrence was very good, and well deserved the call at the fall of the curtain that it earned. Mrs. Atkinson's Nurse was also a very meritorious impersonation. Miss Marriott and Mr. Melville were called before the curtain several times, and applauded very heartily. A new play, entitled "The Witch Finder," is in rehearsal. In it Miss Marriott plays the part of an idiot boy.

Standard.—This newly-constructed theatre will re-open this evening. A new and original drama "of peculiar construction," entitled "The Market Cross," introducing some of the most novel scenic effects, been prepared for the occasion, and will be played together with the opera of "Rosina."

Madame Celeste commenced a short engagement at the Theatre Royal, Newcastle-on-Tyne, last Monday.

Mr. Swinbourne has been playing a round of leading characters, including Sir Giles Overreach, Charles Surface, John Mildmay, Robert Brierley, &c., at Douglas, Isle of Man.

A theatrical innovation has been made at Dublin. At the Theatre Royal they have been playing "Peep o' Day," without any other subordinate entertainment whatever. The experiment seems to have given satisfaction.

Mr. Sothern is playing in Edinburgh; he next proceeds to Glasgow.

Master Percy Roselle is playing at the Royal Princess's Theatre, Glasgow. He is engaged for the Christmas pantomime at Drury Lane.

The Brothers Webb have been giving their famous Dramio impersonations at the Theatre Royal, Glasgow, during the week.

Mdlle. Ida Ialle, *danseuse*, from Her Majesty's and the Haymarket, leaves Dublin, where she has fulfilled a long and very successful engagement, for Glasgow, where she is engaged at the Theatre Royal.

Miss M. Simpson, of the Strand, appeared last week at Liverpool for the first time as Miami in the "Green Bushes," and was entirely successful.

Mr. Henry Neville, released from his Olympic duties only last Saturday, re-appeared in his celebrated character of Robert Brierley at the Royal Amphitheatre, Liverpool, on Monday. Next Monday he goes to Manchester.

Mr. Atkins will not form part of the next Olympic company. He proceeds to the Midland Counties.

Mr. J. Toole has attained to the distinction of being avowedly imitated, Mr. F. Goldsmith including our great comedian in his "impersonations of popular *artistes*."

Miss Kate Saville is playing her celebrated character of Miriam in "Miriam's Crime," at the Theatre Royal, Ryde.

Miss Sophie Miles, some time of Sadler's Wells, but lately leading lady at the Britannia, is playing the heroine in the version of "Leah," known as "Rebecca," at the Queen's Theatre, Dublin.

Miss Bateman arrived in Liverpool from America by the China on Saturday last. She was accompanied by her mother and two younger sisters, as when she left England. She opens on Monday at the Theatre Royal, Liverpool, where great preparations are being made for her *debut*, which will be the inauguration of the winter season. Miss Bateman will be well supported. Messrs. Jordan (of the Lyceum) and Swinbourne (late of Drury Lane) are engaged to co-operate with the ordinary strong stock company.

Adah Isaacs Menken will, on the completion of her engagement at Astley's, proceed to Paris, and play Mazeppa in French.

LITERATURE.

The English at Home (Third Series). By A. Esquiros. Chapman and Hall, Piccadilly.

M. Esquiros is evidently an attentive observer of English life, but in some of its phases he becomes sadly at fault. We should not have noticed his work but that he attempts a description of pugilists and their habits—a subject of peculiar interest to us when dilated upon by a foreigner. We allow M. Esquiros to speak for himself, so that our readers may see the amount of prejudice which defaces the page of an evidently talented writer:—

The Champion of England at Home.—There is in Shoreditch a public-house frequented by men of coarse features and extraordinary appearance. This house, which forms the corner of a street, is surrounded every evening by a group of more or less ragged idlers. These martyrs to curiosity remain there for hours, with fixed eye and outstretched neck, striving to take a furtive glance at the interior of the bar, each time that the door is opened. "That's he, there he is," I often heard echoing in my ears. No it was his wife; but the reflection of a celebrity also deserves some attention, and the mistress of the public-house in Shoreditch is, after all, a bar-beauty. These persons standing outside are naturally restrained by a serious consideration, and what consideration is more serious than an empty pocket? Those, on the contrary, who have the price of a pint of beer or a glass of gin may push the door open, and, happy mortals, enter the tap-room of the parlour. In the tap-room they see magnificent trophies ranged on a shelf or suspended from the walls. They are cups, gold or silver vases delicately sculptured, and above all a famous belt which excites the envy and admiration of the visitors. This belt, which has been described by some English papers with all the care which Homer takes in speaking of the shield of Achilles, is covered with pugilistic emblems and scenes. In the parlour there is a gallery of portraits hanging from the walls and representing all the celebrated athletes. Round the latter and through a cloud of smoke you see men whose faces are not particularly reassuring, and who are talking mysteriously together. They are apprentices in boxing, betting men who back indifferently men or race horses, low-class sportsmen, in a word, members more or less active of the honourable fraternity. In the midst of them is enthroned at times a man of about thirty years of age, with a sunburnt face, features as harsh as the north-east wind, and a low and retreating forehead. It is Jem Mace. Who is Jem Mace? You must not ask this question of Englishmen; but I fear that the celebrity of the hero is not yet spread in France, and that I am consequently bound to introduce him to my readers. Jem Mace, like many others of the fraternity, combines the functions of publican and pugilist. He is at this moment the rising star of the Ring. As present Champion of England he succeeded the terrible Tom Sayers, who is still alive, and as a sign of his dignity he has the right to wear the magic belt which he gained by the sweat of his brow, and which is the pride, ambition, and aim of the athletic career. Jem Mace was born in Norfolk; if I may credit certain reports, which are fully confirmed by his features, and the colour of his face, he lived for a long time with a tribe of gipsies, and visited with them the green fields and rough sea shore. Of whatever nature the cloud that covers his earlier years, it is certain that Mace only appeared in the ring a few years ago. Up to that time he contented himself with visiting fairs and races, where, like so many other pugilists, he put on the boxing-gloves and gave the astonished provincials a performance of the noble art of self-defence. Doubtless encouraged by this, he at last figured in 1854 in a real fight, in which there were sturdy blows to give and take. Since then, his exploits have made a great sensation in the sporting world, and victories have succeeded victories. However, it was not to learn the history of his prowess that I entered at my risk and peril this rather ill-famed tavern—a low house, as the English say; it was to see the pugilist at home, the lion in his den. Although, this lion appeared to me to be boisterably tamed; in his parlour Jem Mace is an ordinary publican, who induces his customers to drink, watches the details of his trade with the aid of his wife and daughter, and, to use a favourite expression of the English, likes to talk with sinners.

Habits of Boxers.—Outside the ring, the quarrels of boxers are very rare. I will mention the only one of those unfrequent cases, as I am assured, which has come to my knowledge. Tom Sayers and Jem Mace met in the bar-room of a Liverpool hotel, at a moment when motives of jealousy existed between them, and they began a vigorous explanation. Still, Sayers' anger evaporated very quickly in action, and he had scarce defeated his rival, ere he displayed all possible sympathy with him. At the present day these two brave boxers travel together like Castor and Pollux, and are the best friends in the world. Like all men who are physically and morally marked with a special stamp, the fighting-men seek one another's society, and this isolation from the profane herd daily strengthens the character that distinguishes them. Many celebrated pugilists keep at the same time an hotel or public-house—an excellent speculation, because the presence at the bar of one of the suns of the Ring soon attracts all the second-rate stars, who like to bathe themselves at night in floods of ale and porter. When the pugilist has no other profession, he likes going to some parlour where he has his special seat, and where he spends a good part of the day, less for the sake of drinking (he is generally sober) than because he meets there a select company, that is to say, a party of professional brethren and friends. These men have most often a great opinion of themselves: no superiority, in fact, is proved more distinctly than that of physical force; hence their vanity is singularly flattered by certain sporting journals, which publish their portraits and compare them with the knights of olden time. If the pugilist has his faults, he also has his good points; and persons are generally agreed in praising his goodness of heart. Among the boxers there is a charitable fund

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